



PARKING LOT SITE—On the corner east of the First Baptist Church in Boone, the former quarters of the Reins-Sturdivant Funeral Home are being demolished to make room for a church parking lot. The property, bought by First Baptist in 1964, has another frame home, this also to be taken down. Having leased

the corner building for 33 years, Reins-Sturdivant moved early in January into its new 12,000-square-foot mortuary on the Blowing Rock Road. The progress of the church project, which is headed by Dewitt Barnett of Boone, depends immediately upon the weather. (Staff photo)

31 High School Bands Will Be Represented At All-State Clinic

Students and directors of 31 North Carolina high school bands will assemble on the Appalachian State University campus this coming weekend to participate in the 19th Annual All-State Band Clinic.

Approximately 200 students are expected for the yearly event and the group will be divided into two large bands, according to ASU Band Director Charles L. Isley, clinic coordinator.

The high school musicians were selected on the basis of tryouts held last month in Statesville, where nearly 400 students competed for the honor of performing in the clinic.

Paul Bryan, director of bands at Duke University, and Ray Babelay, director of bands at Mars Hill College, will rehearse the two bands on Friday and Saturday before presenting them in a public concert in I. G. Greer Hall Auditorium at 2:30 p. m. on Sunday. The concert will be open to the public free of charge.

Bryan, who earned his B. M. and Ph.D. degrees at the University of Michigan, taught there from 1939 through 1951. He was a staff conductor and head of the theory program at the Brevard Music Center from 1951-57, and last year served as professor of music at Madison college in Harrisonburg, Va.

The 48-year-old Bryan, who is married and the father of two children, recently conducted a band clinic in Alexandria, Va.

Babelay has had wide experience in teaching elementary, junior high and high school students. He has directed clinic bands in Virginia, North Carolina and Georgia.

A graduate of Richmond Professional Institute, he obtained his M.A. degree from East Carolina University. He has served as band director at Charlotte, Court House, Va.; Wilson's Fork High School, and Morganton High School.

Wade Moretz Is Named Chairman Community Development Clubs

A Deep Gap resident was elected chairman of the newly organized county-wide Council of Community Development Clubs in a special meeting Thursday night in the Court-house basement.

E. Wade Moretz will preside with Dennis Trivette of Cove Creek as vice-chairman and Home Economics Extension Agent Mrs. Lillian Danner as secretary.

The Agricultural Workers Council and community leaders in the county sponsored the meeting. The opportunities and



The "Heart Beats" met Friday at the Holiday Inn to finalize plans for the upcoming Heart Ball at Hound Ears. They are (from left) Mrs. Jo Bingham, Mrs. Marbeth Fidler, Mrs. Bev Russing, Mrs. Lanie Bingham, Mrs. Peggy Furman, Mrs. Lillian Danner, Mrs. Phyllis Templeton, Mrs. Ruth Smith. Others who were not present are Mrs. Lynn George, Mrs. Melissa Richardson, Mrs. Betty Hodges, Mrs. Lena Brooks, Mrs. Sue Wilmoth and Mrs. Guy Angell. This group is sponsoring the ball. (Staff photo)

Second Annual Heart Ball To Bring Dinner, Features

The second annual Heart Ball is slated for Thursday night, Feb. 27, at Hound Ears Lodge and Club according to Bev Russing who says things are looking "just beautiful" for the fund-raising event.

Ticket prices this year have been lowered from \$30 a couple to \$20. Individual tickets may be purchased for \$10.

Tickets are obtainable from any of the "Heart Beats" (see photo) who are sponsoring the ball. Deadline for buying tickets is next Wednesday.

Mrs. Russing, Heart Fund Special Events Chairman, said that Boone is the only community "of this size" to have a successful ball or any event of this stature.

She said that response has been good this year and that tickets are going on a first-come first-serve basis. Only 150 people can be admitted to the ball.

The admission price, which goes to the Heart Fund, includes dinner, dancing and entertainment. The dance floor has been enlarged this year to accommodate all who wish to dance.

Miss Watauga, Sharon Lincau, will be on hand and will sing.

Mrs. Russing urges all who want to attend to contact one

of the "Heart Beats" to secure tickets before the deadline. No tickets will be sold the night of the ball.

Carolina Caribbean Shows Notable Gain In Earnings

Beech Mountain, Banner Elk, N. C.—Carolina Caribbean Corporation's gains during the last nine months of 1968 have been cited by President Grover C. Robbins Jr. in a letter to shareholders.

Under what he termed "an

New Structure In Works Post Office Building Is Sought For Co. Library

Site For New Building Has Not Been Found

Downtown during her lunch hour one day, Mrs. Joann Payne got eight signatures for this petition:

"We, the undersigned, all citizens and residents of Watauga County, do earnestly petition the Hon. James T. Broyhill, Congressman . . . to take whatever steps are necessary to induce the General Services Administration or responsible parties to donate possession of the old Post Office Building on the main street in Boone to the Library Board of Watauga County."

The statement ends with the reason: "Same to be used for a public library to serve the citizens of Watauga County."

Approaching her eighth year as county librarian, Mrs. Payne explains that the availability of the mid-town building would allow a much-needed expansion of services. Located in the Courthouse Annex, the public library offers practically no parking and is difficult for newcomers to find.

The reason why the Post Office property may become available is that just before the November election, Congressman Basil Whitener of the 10th District announced a new postal facility for Boone.

Seven thousand, five hundred signatures are being sought.

WHEN?

Boone Postmaster Ralph Beshears explains "A site has not yet been decided upon as far as I know."

When the real estate branch of the Post Office Department has made a decision, announcement will come through Department channels or perhaps by way of a U. S. Congressman or Senator. However, Beshears is in no way involved in the site selection, is neither asked for nor authorized to state a personal opinion.

Needed is a tract of about 60,000 square feet, enough to accommodate the building, provide parking and allow for future expansion.

The King Street property now serving Boone is "held by the General Services Administration of the U. S. Government," says Beshears.

The 30-year-old rock structure went into service when

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WHS CHORAL ENSEMBLE

WHS Choral Ensemble Wins Honors In Contest

The Watauga High School Choral Ensemble earned two "Superior" ratings and one "Excellent" in the N. C. State Vocal Ensemble Contest held at Davidson College Saturday.

Ratings awarded were in grade four, the most difficult level of choral music.

Singing in three categories, the entire ensemble and the girls' group each rated superior

while the boys' group rated excellent. Selections performed were by Mendelssohn, Arcadelt, Thomas, Strubel, Bright and Clements.

Since its formation in 1966, the Ensemble has earned seven superior ratings.

Judging the Saturday contest were Clinton Parker of UNC-Chapel Hill, chairman of the Choral Section of the N. C.

Music Educators Conference; and Pater Schuetz of UNC-Chapel Hill, director of the University Chamber Singers.

Among the judges' comments were "lovely tone quality and excellent intonation"; "beautiful, easy singing"; "very fine diction"; "excellent interpretation"; "a truly great pleasure to hear."

The 24 young singers are directed by J. Eugene Wilson Jr. Accompanists are Robert Melton and Teresa Robinson.

Ensemble members are Lynn Autrey, Chris Blackburn, Tena Blackburn, David Bolick, Keith Chipman, Brett Day, Dianne Greer, Sarah Hayes, Ollie Jackson, Sandra Kirk, Martha Lawrence, Susan Lawrence, Randy Marsh, Daphne Martin, Richard Mast, Robert McNeely, Robert Melton, Mark Reavis, Teresa Robinson, Roxanne Shook, Johnny Simmons, Terry Taylor, Lucille Welborn and Bill Winkler.

Outstanding Teener Grandson Ira Scotts

The Outstanding Americans Foundation announces that Daniel M. Farmer of Lepanto (Ark.) High School has been selected as an Outstanding Teenager of America for 1969.

Daniel is the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Ira R. Scott of Route 2, Vilas.

Nominated for this honor by the school, Daniel will compete for state and national awards in the Outstanding Teenagers of America program.

The Foundation is a nonprofit agency dedicated to honoring,

inspiring and encouraging young people to take full advantage of the opportunities in America. It holds its program annually.

On the basis of ability and achievement, Daniel was selected to compete with other winners in Arkansas for the Governor's Trophy given every year. Each of the 50 state winners will be eligible for one of the two national awards.

The president of the Foundation, John Putman, has said the goal of the awards program is to "recognize and encourage the ability and achievements of today's young people. They are America's leaders of tomorrow."



DANIEL FARMER

Summer Cruise Film To Be Shown At ASU

A film showing highlights of a Jamaica-Freeport Cruise planned for this summer will be shown in the assembly area of the ASU Student Center tonight (Wednesday) at 7:15.

Anyone who is interested in taking the cruise may want to see the film, according to Student Center officials. It is a complete film showing all the details of the cruise.

Bloodmobile Is Coming To ASU Wednesday

The Red Cross Bloodmobile will be stationed at East Hall on the ASU campus from 11 a. m. to 4:30 p. m. next Wednesday (Feb. 26).

Mrs. Goldie Fletcher, executive secretary of the Watauga County Chapter of the American Red Cross, stated that some 250 pints will be needed in order for the local chapter to meet its quota.

"We presently are using about 50 pints per month," Mrs. Fletcher said. "And we're certainly hopeful that Appalachian students will respond in large number to this month's visit of the Bloodmobile."

Local Tax Deductions Average \$1,460

Residents of Watauga County who are working on their Federal income tax returns and itemizing their deductions may find it advantageous to compare their figures with those of other people at the same income level.

Are their deductions above or below the average? Are their listings of charitable contributions, interest, taxes and medical expenditures relatively high or low?

For the individual taxpayer, to know how his deductions compare with those of other people in his income bracket could be very helpful.

Some light is shed on the subject by the Commerce Clearing House, national authority on tax and business law, and by the Internal Revenue Service. They have released data showing what the deductions have generally amounted

to in recent years at each income level.

Where average earnings are of the size of those prevailing in Watauga County, it is found that the deductions come to approximately \$1,460, or about 20 per cent of the adjusted gross income.

In families with lower-than-average earnings, the amounts deducted represent a larger proportion of their income. Conversely, for those with higher incomes, the percentage deducted is smaller.

For example, those that gross \$5,500 a year deduct about 22 per cent normally. The ones that are in the \$17,500 class, on the other hand, have deductions of only 16 per cent.

Local families who are in the \$6,500 income category will be deducting about \$1,380 this year if they have had average outlays. At the \$12,000 income level, the deductions will be around \$2,160.

A breakdown of the \$1,460 in deductions claimed by most taxpayers with incomes equal to the Watauga County average shows that \$226 of it represents contributions, \$508 is for interest on loans and installment debt, \$454 for local taxes and \$272 for medical expenses.

It is pointed out that the figures are solely a guide to what most people are listing as deductions and that proper records must be available to back up all claims.