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Feb. 18	38	26	28
Feb. 19	37	23	30
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At the August, 1968, premiere of Charge of the Light Brigade, the Duke of Edinburgh talks with director Tony Richardson (left) and producer Neil Hartley, son of Mrs. Pearl Hartley of Boone.

“Charge Of The Light Brigade”

Movie Produced By Boone's Neil Hartley Opening Here Sunday

Neil Hartley, formerly of Boone and of New York City, is producer of Charge of the Light Brigade, a motion picture recently released in London and now currently showing in the United States.

Hailed this month by The National Observer as one of the “ten best” pictures of the year, the film will open at Boone's Appalachian Theater for two days starting Sunday, March 2. A son of Mrs. Pearl Hartley of Boone, the producer is a graduate of Appalachian and Yale universities. He served four years as an officer in the U. S. Navy, later becoming production director for David Merrick of New York City. He is now associated with Woodfall Films of London.

Directed by Tony Richardson

son, a young Britisher long hailed for his bold realism and social satire. The Charge is an epic drama treating one of the most disastrous chapters in British history. The story focuses on the ill-fated charge of the small brigade, led by tragically incompetent commanders of the cavalry division, who were massacred in the Crimean War of 1854.

The early scenes in the picture depict unemotionally the social and political structure of Victorian England. These are ironically juxtaposed against the later climactic battle scenes reflecting the horror of war. Though the film treats a

century-old subject, a modern relevance is apparent.

Hartley's production is heightened by the remarkable use of animated sequences based on political cartoons of the period. The Saturday Review says: “The cartoons are satirically amusing in themselves, and they serve the purpose of providing an historical framework . . . the film is a wonderfully forceful and refreshing one that, for once, takes the silly glory and glamour out of war and substitutes something closer to the bitter truth . . . Richardson decks it out with authentic battle arrays, with meticulous copies of the uniforms and horse harnesses, and with what looks

like the whole present-day Turkish Army. The sabers flash, the blood flows, and men die ingloriously and horribly. Who can say war of any kind is any other way?”

The cast of international stars includes Trevor Howard, John Gielgud, Vanessa Redgrave, Jill Bennett and David Hemmings. In addition, Richardson uses 5,000 extras, 3,500 authentic uniforms, 1,000 horses, 6,000 pounds of TNT and 3,000 cannonballs.

The valley in Turkey used for the climax of the film bears a striking resemblance to the real valley in the Crimea.

Jaycees Name Roger Harwood Outstanding Young Educator

The Boone Jaycees Monday night honored an industrial arts teacher from Watauga High School as the Outstanding Young Educator of Watauga County, 1969.

Roger Lee Harwood, 25, of Route 4, Boone, was given a \$150 scholarship to further his teaching interests. Presentation was made by Jaycee Jim Watson.

Having received his B. S. in Industrial Arts Education from Appalachian, Harwood was awarded his M. A. degree from ASU in 1966. He is a member of the Watauga Classroom Teachers Association and has been president, vice-president and secretary of the vocational section of the Northwest District, N. C. Educational Association.

He also served as Watauga

High School liaison representative to the Superintendent of Schools for two years and taught drafting and blue print reading in local adult education classes.

Born in Stanly County, Har-

wood is married and has one son. He has stated that he derives the most self-satisfaction from teaching by “influencing young ladies and gentlemen to learn self-discipline and develop interest.”

For eight years, Harwood has been a summertime employee of the O. K. Barber Shop. He is a member of the Greenway Baptist Church and is affiliated with a number of professional groups. In addition, he has been a member of the Watauga Gun Club four years.

The awards banquet speaker was Wayne Bradburn, Superintendent of Wilkes County Schools. His address was on the problems education faces and the need for change, which he feels will come from groups such as the Boone Jaycees.



ROGER LEE HARWOOD



RANDY MARSH

Randy Marsh Is Named Page In Legislature

Randy Steven Marsh has been appointed to serve as a page for the 1969 Session of the General assembly for the week for March 3-7. The appointment came from Earl W. Vaughn, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Randy, the son of Mr. and Mrs. James F. Marsh of Boone, is a junior at Watauga High School. During the summer of 1968 he studied choral music at the Governor's School in Winston-Salem.

He has been active in both high school and church choral groups for a number of years and is presently vice-president of the high school choral ensemble.

Other school activities include vice-president of the Future Business Leaders of America, membership in the National Beta Club, the Letterman's Club and the student council. He is also a member of the high school's tennis team.

Randy was nominated by J. E. Holsbosher Jr. of Boone. After filling out a questionnaire, he then was selected for the honor by a committee in the House of Representatives.

Stanley Harris Named By City To Watauga Airport Commission

Stanley Harris Jr. and Robert Bingham Thursday were appointed by the Boone Town Council as representatives to the Watauga Airport Commission.

Harris replaces James Dugger who resigned last week from a town appointment.

A certified public accountant, Harris was highly praised by Alderman Gwyn Hayes who made the nomination. Hayes commented “I have conferred with him some and he is well qualified.”

Seconding the motion, alderman Dr. Hadley Wilson said “I think he is qualified and will be a good representative for the town.”

The third alderman, Dr. James Graham, asked that a vote be held after more discus-

sion. He said he was under the impression that G. R. Andrews of Cherry Drive, Boone, was interested in the airport commission.

After regularly scheduled council business was taken up, Dr. Graham re-opened the discussion, asking Hayes about Harris' reaction to the airport.

“He's for it,” Hayes said. Dr. Graham said “I have no objection, I know Stanley. He is a dedicated individual.”

Harris' current appointment lasts until May since he is filling an unexpired term scheduled to end then.

Dr. Wilson reminded the council that another appointment was in order since Robert Bingham's appointment expired Sunday, Feb. 16. The city appointed Bingham Wednes-

day, Feb. 5, just three days after he had submitted his resignation to the county, whose commissioners appointed him several months ago.

The Airport Commission, made up of six persons appointed in two by the governing bodies of the two municipalities and the county, elected Bingham as chairman, which post he occupied when he resigned.

Rejoining the commission early this month, Bingham immediately came out in favor of a public referendum on the airport issue, but said he thought he might be more effective as a member, rather than chairman. The county vacancy on the board was filled by Bill Miller of Boone.

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City Manager Cites Problems Boone Tax Boost Talked To Meet Growth Needs

Pay Raise For Employees One City Urgency

A tax hike for the town of Boone was brought before City Council last week on the grounds that additional operating funds are needed.

City Manager Neil Blair Jr. presented a 28-item list he termed “partial” but “needed”. The chief item is a pay raise for town employees.

The only item about which he mentioned cost is the replacement of 300 water meters which are not in operation. He said that the town has been losing revenue because these meters cannot register the full amount of water used and a flat rate is therefore lower than the actual usage.

The 300 water meters would cost in the neighborhood of \$15,000, but Blair said the additional revenue should eventually cover this cost.

Additional personnel asked for were a three-man crew for a new garbage truck (also requested), a daytime police dispatcher, a man for records, maps and trouble shooting, and four additional men for street, water and sewer work.

Blair also asked for a plumbing inspector to solve “many plumbing problems in Boone.” He cited a situation at a Blowing Rock Road motel where he said the sewerage comes up through drainage holes in the parking lot and out into the lot.

On the work list Blair said the following needs to be done: install numerous street lights, clean the Church Street water tank, extensive installation of street signs, extensive water and sewer installation and extensive sidewalk rebuilding.

He listed several things the town needs including a sidewalk vacuum cleaner, a street sweeper, an additional back hoe, a tractor with mower and cycle, a new dump truck, a new position.

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THE UNIVERSITY SINGERS

North Carolina Symphony To Stage Benefit Concert

The North Carolina Symphony Orchestra will present a benefit concert at 2 Sunday afternoon in Varsity Gym on the Appalachian State University campus.

The 65-member Orchestra, which also will appear in the same facility for a free educational matinee for area school children Friday afternoon, is

making its first visit in Boone since 1965. Both concerts are being sponsored by ASU's Artist and Lecture Committee and the Boone Junior Woman's Club.

Tickets for the Sunday performance may be obtained from members of the Woman's Club, at Boone Drug and King Street Pharmacy or at the gate. Tickets are priced at \$2 for adults and \$1 for students. University faculty, staff and students will be admitted free by displaying identification cards.

The symphony is conducted by Benjamin Swalin, now in his 30th season as director.

Mrs. Joyce Tallant of the Appalachian Music Department faculty, and the University Singers will perform with the orchestra during the second portion of the program.

Mrs. Tallant, a soprano, and Sigurd Bjorkman, a bass baritone soloist with the symphony, will perform “The Faure Requiem.”

The musicians playing under Dr. Swalin's direction this season make up one of the most cosmopolitan orchestras in Symphony history. It comprises professional musicians representing 18 states and six foreign countries, including Japan.

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This car is registered to Edwin Dougherty of Watauga Drive, Stolen? No, but the sign is timely with all the recent car thefts in the area. (Staff photo)

Parking Tickets Must Be Paid Or Warrant To Issue

Boone City Hall and the Police Department are giving receivers of final notices on parking tickets until “the first of next week” to pay up. Warrants will be issued in lieu of payment.

At the town council meeting last week it was noted that several local residents had accumulated a large number of parking tickets and ignored final

notices sent by the Police Department.

The discussion came up when the board was discussing means to raise badly needed revenue. The additional grace period is being granted to allow drivers who have accumulated a vast number of citations to pay them off at \$1 per ticket rather than paying court cost.

City Attorney Jim Holsbosher was not available for comment as to whether each ticket will constitute a separate violation, however, the town board was under the impression that it would.

Each violation will draw \$15 court cost plus the cost of the ticket if the defendant is found guilty.

Town Hall had become disenchanted with the “privileged characters who think they don't have to pay,” in one alderman's

words. Town manager Neal Blair Jr. urged those with overdue final notices to pay these in the town hall before the first of next week.

Local Students In “Who's Who”

The 1968-69 edition of Who's Who Among Students in American Junior Colleges will carry the names of 13 students from Western Piedmont Community College, who have been selected as being among the country's most outstanding campus leaders.

Honored in this way from the local area are Linda Propert of Boone and Sally King of Newland.

School Makeup Day Planning Is Made Public

Beginning March 1, a new procedure for making up school days missed because of snow will be in effect in Watauga County.

A memorandum from Willis Morote, Interim Superintendent of Schools, points out that “Due to summer school programs and other school commitments, it will be practically impossible

No Spooks, It Turns Out!

Sheriff Ward Carroll said last week that the mystery surrounding the red lights around the Old Mount Pleasant Lutheran Church in the Big Hill section was over and that the lights had been man-made to create the eerie effect.

He did not release names of the people involved but said that the hoax was ended.

“A church and its cemetery should be respected as such,” said Sheriff Carroll.

He expressed his thanks to the citizens who were at the church Sunday night for their co-operation in moving off the road and clearing the area.



STANLEY HARRIS JR.—new appointee to the county Airport Commission . . .