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Mar. 11	31	12	3.00	30	55	44	
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THE OAK RIDGE BOYS

Gospel Singing To Benefit Rescue Squad

Two Nashville, Tenn., groups and a quartet from Boone will perform in the Watauga County Rescue Squad's third annual gospel singing benefit night at Watauga High School.

By popular demand, this year's special guests will be the famous Oak Ridge Boys of Nashville, Dottie Rambo and the Singing Rambos of Nashville and the Trailway Quartet of Boone.

Tickets are being sold by the Rescue Squad members now, on King Street in front of the Crest Store all day Friday and at Watauga High just before the show starts at 8 that night. Advance tickets are \$1.25; at the door, \$1.50. Children under 12 will be admitted free when accompanied by their parents. Best known of the three gospel groups, the Oak Ridge Boys are Herman Harper, Willie

Wynn, Duane Allen, William Golden and Tommy Fairchild. They have performed in every major American city and in several foreign countries through Don Light Talent, Inc., of Nashville, the first gospel talent agency in the business.

The quintet appears on more than 100 television stations each week and their records are daily programmed on radio stations throughout the country.

558 New Telephones Placed In Boone During The Year

Southern Bell Telephone Company set new records in 1968 for construction expenditures and telephone growth, according to its annual report released here today by B. B. Leazer, local manager.

The company invested more than \$351.7 million for new and

improved facilities in its four-state area during 1968, surpassing the 1967 total by almost \$64 million.

The company added 450,000 telephones, ending the year with 5,969,038 in service. This compares with a gain of 384,000 for the area during 1967.

Mr. Leazer said that Southern Bell gained 73,500 telephones in North Carolina with 558 in the Boone Exchange.

Besides North Carolina, the company operates in South Carolina, Georgia, and Florida.

In the report, Southern Bell President Frank M. Malone termed 1968 as the most eventful year in the company's history.

Two Are Hurt In Auto Accident

A head-on collision last week sent two people to Watauga County Hospital for emergency treatment and did an estimated \$1,000 damage to the cars involved.

Officer Warren Reedy of the

Boone Police Department said that Vincent Frances Piekasit of Boone was traveling east on Deerfield Road when he hit a 1961 Oldsmobile driven by Bryan Scott Molnar of South Huron, Ohio.

Reedy said that a 1957 Chevrolet had been parked and abandoned on the right side of Deerfield Road causing Piekasit to pull left of center into the path of Molnar.

"The single most outstanding occurrence of 1968 was the organization of a new corporation, South Central Bell Telephone Company, to serve five states which were formerly part of our operating territory," Mr. Malone said. The new company serves Alabama, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, and Tennessee.

"During 1968, we added more telephones, handled more calls, and served more customers than ever before," Mr. Malone noted.

ASU Student Is Bound Over On Drug Charge

James Lunsford Denny, a 19-year-old Appalachian State University student from Durham, was bound over to Superior Court last Wednesday on a charge of illegal possession of LSD.

Chief District Judge J. Ray Braswell said that he had found probable cause to send the case to Superior Court which meets Monday, March 31.

Reedy estimated damage to the 1961 Oldsmobile at \$400 and to the 1962 Olds driven by Piekasit at \$600. He charged Piekasit with driving left of the center of the road, \$900 CASE.

A driver fell asleep at the wheel in the heart of Boone Saturday morning and rained into a parked car causing combined damages of \$600.

Bliss Edward Cornetti of Vilas was driving a 1960 Ford on King Street when he apparently fell asleep according to traffic officer Mont Thomas. Cornetti crashed into a 1957 Chrysler registered to N. F. Talmage of East King Street. Thomas charged Cornetti with falling asleep while driving.

Long distance calling reached an all time high, with more than 380 million messages being handled.

During the year, data transmission increased at a faster rate than voice communications. Customers used telephone company facilities extensively to transmit facsimile, slow scan television and handwritten messages and to communicate between business machines.

Wages, salaries and related costs for the company's 50,000 employees totaled more than \$365 million in 1968.

Earnings on the company's stock were \$1.94 a share, compared with \$2.19 for the preceding year.

Among the advancements in 1968 were the offering of "911" universal emergency number service, the introduction of directory assistance service, improved coin telephone service and greater use of computers.

He was arrested Feb. 24 by ASU security officers Robert Thomas and Gary Morgan.

On the witness stand Morgan testified that he had been in

open gallery discussions of his own work and speak to the public at least once during his three-month stay on campus.

A New York native and an alumnus of the University of Connecticut, Levi's work is handled by the renowned Stable Gallery of New York.

And his creations are included in some of America's most

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Josef Levi Is Artist In Residence At University

Josef Levi, a young New York artist who has captured the acclaim of art critics throughout the country, assumed duties this week as Artist in Residence on the campus of Appalachian State University.

Known for his kinetic light constructions, a sampling of which are now on exhibit in ASU's Greer Gallery, Levi will continue his own work on

the ASU campus without having to teach classes, "unless he just wants to," according to Lawrence Edwards, chairman of Appalachian's Department of Art.

The artist will, however, have open studio hours on the campus during which students and faculty members may consult with him. He will probably give critiques of student art work, hold

"Unlikely Things, Unlikely Places"

Area Ski Resort Topic Of CBS Evening News

"It Could Be Aspen, Stowe Or Sugar Bush"

The night CBS Evening News featured Eric Sevierid in Washington, Bill Plante in Granville, Ohio, Dan Rather in Washington and others elsewhere, but also "Charles Kuralt, on the road, tonight on Beech Mountain, North Carolina."

Walter Cronkite introduced the segment with a comment about "Unlikely things in unlikely places," and Kuralt began: "It could be Aspen or Stowe or Sugar Bush. Same deep snow, same daring skiers, same clumsy amateurs trying to keep from breaking a leg." (The television example of an amateur bears a suspicious resemblance to the announcer). "It could be Aspen or Stowe or Sugar Bush, but it's not."

Austrian music bursts forth with gusto: "It's not the Alps either. It's not Switzerland or Colorado or Vermont. Those icy latitudes and altitudes are far away. It may spoil your notion of sunny south forever to visit the parking lot of this place and discover where these skiers come from."

"They are almost all Southerners, they are mostly beginners, and they are skiing here at Beech Mountain, North Carolina. One other thing, they are a hardy lot."

(Accordion-riddled comp-bah music rumbles forth, scene cuts to musicians, then the crowd in Beech Tree Inn.)

"In case Southern skiing strikes you as a kind of silly idea, like cultivating oranges in New Hampshire, you should know that while you weren't looking, no fewer than seven ski resorts have sprung up in North Carolina. This one, Beech Mountain, has 2,500 skiers all over its mile-high slopes this afternoon—practicing stem-christies in a kind of leisurely Southern way and submitting themselves to an army of Austrian ski instructors who are doing their best to accommodate themselves to the local mannerisms."

(Scene cuts to instructor talking to his students.)

"When the North Carolina sun comes out and threatens to melt the fun away, 52 snow guns go into operation on Beech Mountain to guarantee the skiing and protect the seven-million-dollar investment. And the ski patrol goes into action to pick up the twisted ankle and broken arm cases down the mountainside."

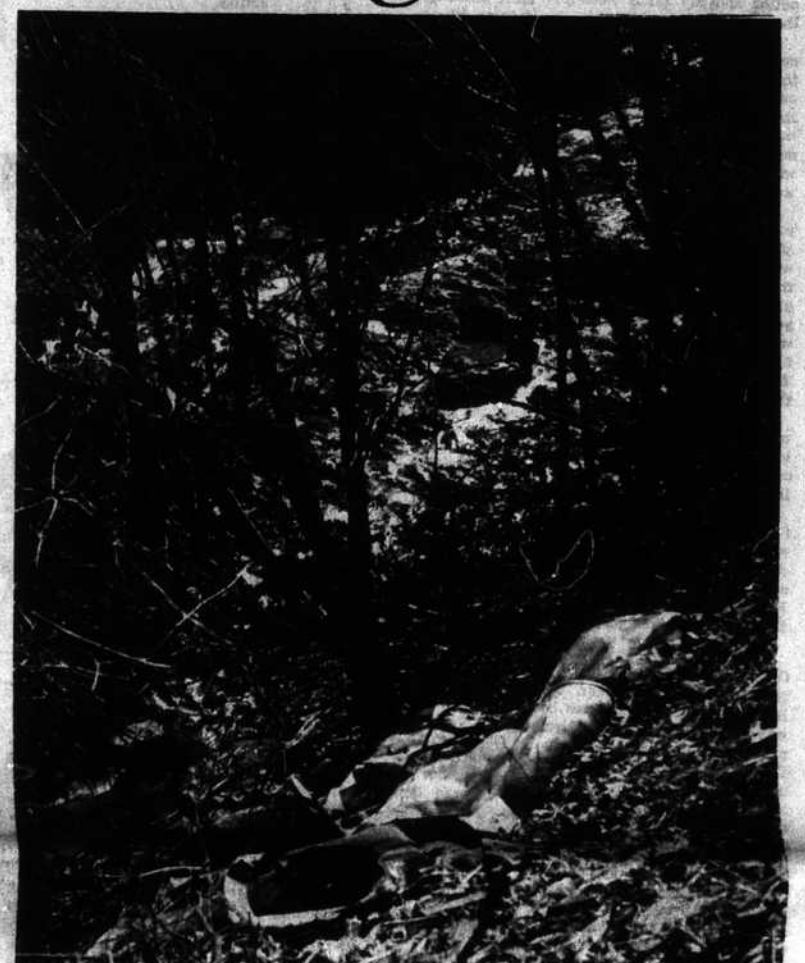
"But the most impressive feature of Southern skiing is not the high slopes, or the deep snow, or the efficient management. It is, rather, the grim determination. We give you Mary Ann Finley of Pickens, South Carolina. She has never been on skis before in her life."

(Shot of Mary Ann sliding backward, backward, backward to the accompaniment of gay Austrian music. "I can ski backwards," she says, "but I can't get going frontwards." More music, trombone sizzling, tuba dancing out the base, Mary Ann: "Whee-whooooo! What in the world's wrong?" She slides backward, again to the happy sounds of music.)

Kuralt: "Mary Ann Finley of Pickens, South Carolina, will never give up."

After she quickly, unwittingly, takes a seat in the snow, he adds, "The South shall rise again."

Walter Cronkite signed off the Wednesday, March 12, program with "And that's the way it is, you all."



THIS WATAUGA STREAMSIDE SHOT features a pile of weathered trash thrown down the bank from the Winkler's Creek Road. Several regional beauty spots are marred by trash which is raw evidence in winter, when foliage is gone and all may see. (Staff photo)

City Council To Plan For Boone June Voting

At their regular meeting Thursday night, Boone Town Council will begin preparation for the municipal elections slated for this year. A mayor and a set of aldermen are to be elected.

Under the general statutes of North Carolina the local governing body must begin work on the elections at the first March meeting.

State law requires election day to be May 6, however Boone

is under a special provision allowing the election to be held in June. On Monday neither Mayor Greene nor Town Hall were certain as to the exact date of the 1969 election, it will be set Thursday night.

Council now has plans to up the number of aldermen from three to five.

According to Alderman Hadley Wilson it is the general consensus of the town fathers to make this move at this time.

He said the change was a certainty.

Under the new arrangement, each councilman would become the commissioner of a municipal department. These departments are the collective responsibility of the Council.

The law requires Council to appoint registrars and judges at this meeting. The registration books are to be open beginning four weeks prior to the election.

Judgment Reserved In Parking Cases

Chief District Judge J. Ray Braswell Friday reserved judgment in cases protesting the Town of Boone's charges of nonpayment of parking tickets.

Asked what is next, attorney Stacy Eggers Jr. said the District Court Judge asked him to submit a written brief of his contention as to what the law is on the overparking matter. Eggers said he understood that town attorney Jim Holshouser

also was asked to submit a brief. The briefs are to be reviewed by Judge Braswell Monday, April 7, on which date a ruling is expected.

The parking violation cases came to court after the Town of Boone issued warrants for people failing to pay overdue tickets, which are 50 cents when written and \$1 apiece if not paid to City Hall within 48 hours.

Eggers represented one case and attorney John H. Bingham was counsel for another of the six parties listed on the docket last week.

The city's parking meter regulations were set up in a 1947 ordinance that number seven legal-length pages.

Challenge day is a week before the election. No absentee ballots are allowed in a municipal election.

So far, no one has announced his candidacy. Nominations are made through party conventions and each party puts up its slate of candidates. No primary can be held in a municipal election.

Stolen Car Found Wrecked On Bypass

The Boone Police Department reported that a 1964 Chevrolet registered to Samuel H. Miller of Route 2, Boone, was taken from behind the Morris Apartments early Sunday morning.

Officer Roy Tugman said in his report that the car was abandoned after it had skidded some 20 feet on the Highway 105 by-pass and crashed into a rock wall. He said the car was traveling at a high rate of speed and estimated damage to the car at \$900.

The accident occurred around 2:30 a. m.

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