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WATAUGA DEMOCRA'

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BEGINNING OF IMPROVEMENT......This new sign announcing the entrance to Appelachian State University and its sister in the right background are just the start of a beautification improvement program envisioned by officials at ASU, Director of Business Affairs Ned Trivette said that these signs installed last Thursday were handmade by Ciyde Smith of Spruce Pine who works for the parks service in Vermont making similar signs. Valued at "several hundred dollars," the signs are

ed at the University e e on Hardin Street, A hangup in erected at the University entrance on Hardin Street, A hangup in the development program is that utility pole in the extreme right, it is a main junction for telephone service coming into Boone and Southern Bell so far has been unable to move it but has told the University they plan to relocate it, Trivette said sidewalks as well as other improvements will be added, Staff (otoda

Johnny Mathis Visit Topic Local Interest

While on his way to financial sourtly as a physical education ashes, young Johnny Mathis lowed his friends to good him to singing one Sunday after-on at a jam session in a m Francisco club.

Burl Winkler Is Injured As **Machine Falls**

Lenior-A 42-year-old Wat-uga man was transferred to a Anston-Salem hospital Thurs-ay night shortly after a soft rink machine tell on him at he new Holiday inn here, Caldwell County Ambulance arvice personnel indentified to the men as Bart Winki-

te personnell indentified jured man as Burl Winkl-oute 3, Boone, Boone, ber of the ambu

member of the ambulance a said Winkler had "no s in his legs up to his when they began the trip N. C. Baptist Hospital

indier was quoted as say-he was moving a drink ma-e on a hand truck when his is twisted and the machine

floor and covered him his chest down, Other an removed the machine crats to nominate a for the June 17 to has been scheduled ate a party slat 7 town election y, May 17.

From a dollars and cents standpoint, how good a "buy" is Social Security proving to be for the average Watsuga County worker?

After he retires, does he stand to get back more or a than he paid into the pension fund over the years?

ording to studies made by the National Federation pandent Business and others, Social Scentty is a realisfor some, but considerably issess for others,

Those who are now retired, or are soon to be so, the big winners. They will break even in less than years and, after that, they will be ahead of the game.

For the young workers, who will be contributing fund for many years to come, it is quite a different

course Argeneration of Columbia seconds happened to be in the disease and an hour later his legram reached the company's w York offices; "Have found enomenal 19-year-old boy o could go all the way! Send ink contracts." ts."

Democrats To Nominate

City Candidates In May

Dr. Derrick said the execu-tive committee met Monday night to make plans for the convention, Dr. Derrick said the party will nominate at least



JOHNNY MATHES, the only singer to have four of his albums listed simultaneously as best sellers on national music charts . . .

Asks Officials Althone and the state **To Take Home** 1.100 **Lists For Study** City Manager Neal Blair Jr. presented a list of 33 "urgent needs of the Town of Boone" as City Counci began wrapping

up the agenda of its April m

ing. Blair, who estimated the overall cost at roughly \$200,000, asked Mayor Clyde R. Greene and the three aldermen to take home the lists to study. The city manager also had said the costs he put down were above regular operating expenses. The five top items are \$30,000

for extensive water and sewer line repair, \$20,000 for ex-tensive water and sewer in-stallation, \$38,000 for an add-itional back-boe, \$16,000 for four additional men and \$15,000 for pay rasies for town employees.

Ten items are listed under extensive street work and clean-

Vaccum cleaner for side-

Vaccum cleaner for side-walks, \$500. Tracfor with rotary broom and cycls, \$4,500. Tar pot, \$2,500. New dump truck, \$4,000. Installation of street signs, \$1,500.

Alsonation of street signs, 4,500. Resurtace Depot and College streets, \$2,000. Sidewalk robuilding (three to five dollars per square yard)

no price given, Four additional men, \$16,000, Street lights, 40 at \$50 a-pices, total \$2,000, And four-lane King Street, no price given,

IL GARBAGE COLLECTION: Additional garbage truck,

5,000. Three additional men to operate truck, \$12,000. Plastic bags for garbage col-

lection, no estimate, Build road at city dump, \$800, III, WATER-SEWER DE-PARTMENT;

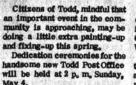
Extensive water and sewer line repair, \$30,000, Extensive water and sewer installation, \$20,000, Additional back-hoe, \$18,000,

Three additional men Cone mbing inspection), \$2,-

000. Need 300 water meters, \$10,-00. Cle

Clean and repaint water tank in Junaluska Heights, \$2,500, Air relief valve at dam, no

Air relief valve at dam, no estimate given, Disphragm pump-clean Coff-er Dam, \$800, One and one-half H, P, pump and pipe-High elevation, \$2,000, Fridmeers' level, \$350, IV, POLICE DEPARTMENT: Need two additional men (one officer, one dispatcher), \$8,000, Police training, no figure, New car, \$2,500, V, CIT HALLs



May 4. And of course, the proudest gal in Todd is Mrs. Eleanor

Moretz, the postmistress. Though the event will bring

some mighty important visitors to Todd, like U. S. Sen, Sam J. Ervin Jr. and Rep. James T. Broyhill, Mrs. Moretz is full of the historical significance of the occasion, She has com-plied a brief account of the Todd of vestareas

of yestoryear. It was the deer and elk that crossed through the valley that prompted the first settlers to name the settlement Elk's Crossing, in 1837 the first post office was established. return trip, the engine puffed onto a large turntable, Crew-men leaned against big poles at

Local Man Is Victim

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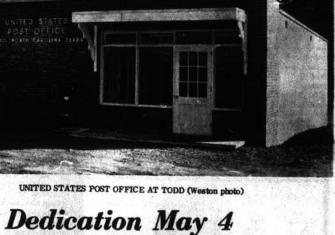
change its name later to Todd, in honor of a local man, a Colonel Todd who was a Civil War hero. And early in this century, the demand for lumber brought

a thriving new auora to the eco-nomy of Todd, There were eight or ten stores, a bank, a drug store, Masonic and Elk lodge halls, four doctors, a dentist and numerous artematicin and numerous enterprising lumbermen, The hotel did a thriv-ing business,

The railroad became Todd's major transportation connection with the outside world, Its rails hauled out millions of board feet of lumber to factories and mills of the nation, At Todd, the engine got a spec-ial treatment, it was the end of the line. Before it began its

Jr., of Jackson, Missisaippa president of the League, which is the nationwide trade organization of the savings and lo business and represents than 5,000 savings assoc and co-operative banks. The Insurance and Pro busines

dise, Carroll keeps his wares in the basement of his house, The Sheriff said apparently two other men had waited in the car while the first man gained entrance, In the basement, the man pull-ed a ,38 revolver while he took (Continued on page two)



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To Refine Present Services

Blair Says Urgent Needs

Of City About \$200,000

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New Todd Postoffice Is Remindful Of Busier Times

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the engine back in the dire of Jefferson, The demand for lumber mber and the huge areas of virgin timber

the huge areas of virgin timber completely captured the thought's of Todd's citizens, They made plenty of money from the product. In the process, they failed to motice what Mrs. Moretz describes as the "over-dependence of Todd's economy (Continued on page two)

Marsh Is Given Savings & Loan League Honor

Chicage-James P. Marsh, Watauga Savings and Loan As-sociation, Boone, North Carol-ina, has been appointed to the 1969 Insurance and Protective Committee of the United States Savings and Loan League, The appointment was announc-ed today by Tom B. Scott, Jr., of Jackson, Mississimu.

nder was first brought to bal hoepital for treatment been was taken to Winston-wand at 7:30 p, m, at the court-have not decided about a con-(Continued on page two)

party will

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of the Watauga Republican Par-ty, said that no decision about a convention will be made before May, it can be delayed until June 1, he said, Millier

V. CITY HALL: Radio equipment (four mobile nits, one transmitter), \$3,000, (Copy machine, \$500, (Continued on page two) a set of the pro-

About 7:30 a lone m

the door of the Carroll homeon the Wilkesboro Road just past Vannoy's Drive-In saying he wanted to buy some merchan-

City Registration To Begin May 24th

icame to

Boone's Town Board of Al-dermen Thursday set a definite schedule for registration for the elity election and named Fred Tarleton of Bunting Road, Boone, as registrar. Mrs. Fred Mast and Tom L, Councill aiready had been ap-pointed judges for the Tuesday, June 17, municipal balloting, City Secretary Bonnie Greene had found a stipulation in the alection law that the registrar remein openfrom 9 to

But the Aldermon dec 9 a. m. to 5 p. m. sufficient on Saturdays The registr run from Sa

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To refer to the records, the latest official figures show residents of Watauga County to be collecting Social Security benefits at the rate of \$1,830,000 a year.

Social Security Called Good Buy

Only a fraction of that payout, however, was contri-buted to the pension fund in any one year by the recipients, The remainder came from employers and from workers who are not yet eligible for retirement.

According to the studies, a young man in Watauga County, entering the labor force this year at age 25 and paying the maximum tax for the next 40 years, will per-sonally be paying about \$17,000 toward Social Security.

With interest figured at 4 percent, this will accumulate to a fund of marriy \$38,000, exclusive of contributions made for him by his employer.

What he and his wife will get back, assuming that they live 14 years after reaching 65, which is the normal expectancy at that age, will be approximately \$55,000,

Taking Watauga County's entire 25-year-old-pop-ulation, now numbering close to 160, as an axample, their tax payments and interest in the 40 years would amount to some \$5,080,000, and their total returns, if married and living the full span, to \$8,500,000.

In answer to contentions that a person could do better by buying insurance with the money, or keeping it in sav-ings, the Social Security Administration points out that financial aid in cases of disabling Illnesses, widowhood, medy children and other contingencies are also included or the worker and his family,