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Aug. 5	75	56	82
Aug. 6	77	54	86
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Aug. 8	80	56	85
Aug. 9	82	61	83
Aug. 10	75	65	82
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Robbins Brothers Promotion

University Village, Inc. To Be Modern Housing Facility

Work Going On In East Boone Development

The sentiment of University Village, Inc.—which is promoting a first-class, architectural-controlled residential area here—is that 150 acres isn't a lot of land. But in Boone, it is.

Under the leadership of president Harry Robbins, the corporation now has blasted for streets, is laying sewer and water pipe and expects to complete street paving and undergrounding of utility lines and community antenna television cable by fall.

Ninety of the 150 lots, which will sell for between \$6,000 and \$12,500 each, now are available a short distance from the Grady Farthing land under option by the Watauga Board of Education as site of a new elementary school for Boone.

Main entrance to the tract will be off Forest Hill Drive, which is reached from US 421 east. The tract is bordered on the south by the Dr. James B. Graham residence and on the west by NC 105 extension.

Before building, lot owners will submit their plans to the architectural board of review for approval. The Village will not be a residential club colony such as Round Barn, another of the Robbins Brothers' ventures, but will feature landscaping and a recreation area with swimming pool, tennis courts and picnic area exclusive to Village residents.

The recreation facilities will be maintained by the corporation. (Continued on page two)



Duncan Hall, which faces the Boone Thoroughfare, is the primary Appalachian State University building near this crowded stretch of road. The photographer faced north-northwest to get this view. At right is the stairwell to one of the underpasses often ignored by busy students on the way from the residence halls near Conrad Stadium to the central campus. (Staff photo)

Boone Thoroughfare Yet On Unfinished Basis; Hazardous

BY SID CALLEGAN

Boone's Thoroughfare, still officially in construction stages, presents a traffic hazard as it waits for action by the new North Carolina Highway Commission.

The road, called Faculty Street but unnumbered and unnamed, has no traffic signs. It is open to traffic with no speed limit and could become a raceway.

The unfinished shoulders of the road are being used by Ap-

palachian University students and teachers as parking areas, presenting additional dangers to traffic from pedestrians and cars.

Tom Winkler, district highway engineer, says much of the delay in erecting speed limit and no parking signs has been in the change of highway commissioners. "For about a month we have been without a commission and no action could be taken."

A request for a traffic ordinance which would assign a number and provide a basis for traffic control has gone into the commission from Winkler's office. Winkler adds that his office will not be responsible for traffic control.

After the ordinance is passed the road will be surveyed by the Traffic Service Department in Wilkesboro. This department will be responsible for setting speed limits, placing no parking signs and traffic lights on the street.

The road was planned as a

thoroughfare to alleviate traffic problems on King Street, but it is being crowded by the expansion of ASU. While drivers brave the crowded street,

they must wait for the new commission to act. The commission was sworn in at Raleigh two weeks ago. It was enlarged from 14 to 23 members by Governor Bob Scott, and Robert G. Barr, West Jefferson business man and political leader, was assigned Watauga County, along with Alleghany, Ashe and Wilkes.

Winkler said he expects the commission to act quickly on the request for a traffic ordinance for the road. In the meantime, drivers will have to drive at their chosen speed, watching for pedestrians coming from behind parked cars. Drivers can't get speeding tickets when there is no speed limit. Only an accident will stop a car.

Disaster Food Program Will Get Under Way

John T. Trivette, Watauga County's Civil Defense director, is a man determined to get his disaster food program underway.

A man in coveralls worked rapidly on the roof of the old driver's license building behind the county jail. He started work on re-roofing the building early Monday morning.

Later, when he clambered down a ladder for more shingles, the roofer turned out to be Trivette, all but whistling because of the roofing nails between his teeth.

Trivette, who still is working to secure locations for food storage to be used in event of a disaster, said the office could hold sufficient food supplies for 4,000 people.

He explained that the Watauga County Board of Commissioners authorized the use of the building but allocated no labor for a new roof. The county bought the shingles and Trivette is nailing them down.

Auditions For 1970 Horn In West Tues.

Auditions will be held for the 1970 summer season of Horn In The West outdoor drama on stage at the Daniel Boone Theater on Tuesday, August 19.

According to production director, D. Ward Haarbauer, auditions will be held for positions with the company's technical staff, dance ensemble, and chorus as well as for acting roles in the Kermit Hunter drama.

Auditions will begin at 11:30 after Tuesday night's performance of the Horn. Anyone who is unable to appear at the audition may contact Haarbauer to confirm a private audition.



AT MESS WATAUGA COFFEE—These four comely Watauga lassies may be among the contestants for the 1970 Miss Watauga title. They attended a coffee hour Friday sponsored by the Boone Jaycees. At left is Ollie Jackson, first runner-up in last year's pageant, explaining things to Leigh Godwin, an East Carolina University freshman; Nancy Stacy, an ASU sophomore, and Jenny Robinson, a Wake Forest junior. (Staff photo)

Miss Watauga Hopefuls At Jaycee Coffee Hour

Four prospective Miss Watauga County contestants got a peek into the 1969 pageant Friday when they attended a coffee hour sponsored by the Boone Jaycees.

Pretty Miss Ollie Jackson, first runner-up, reviewed the excitement of last year's pageant with Nancy Stacy, Jenny Robinson and Leigh Godwin. Not able to be present were Monnie Blanton and Teresa Robinson.

Hostesses were Mrs. Ron Hester, entries chairman, Mrs. Jim Weaver, Mrs. Otis Strother and Mrs. Stewart Tugman, all Jaycee wives.

Also on hand to elaborate on

plans for the 1969 pageant were Jaycee President Jim Hastings and Wade Willmouth, a veteran pageant director. Chairman of the year's pageant, expected to be in November, is Stewart Tugman.

The coffee hour was held at the Cardinal Restaurant.

Miss Jackson is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Avery Jackson of Route 1, Boone.

Nancy Stacy, an ASU sophomore, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Starr Stacy Sr. of Boone.

Jenny Robinson, a junior at Wake Forest University, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. B.

Robinson of Boone. Leigh Godwin, a freshman at East Carolina University, is the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. William Smith of Boone.

Caribbean Is Making Larger Net This Year

Banner Elk—The Carolina Caribbean Corp., which is developing Beech Mountain here and has development projects in progress elsewhere, has reported net earnings of \$151,992 for the first quarter of this year.

Grover C. Robbins Jr., president, said the earnings were 22 per cent higher than in the same period last year. The quarter ended June 30.

Robbins said gross revenues for the quarter were \$889,156, an increase of 16 per cent over the \$765,818 for the same period last year.

Robbins said that the earnings of six cents per share, although lower than for the same period

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Watauga Tax Notices Are Now Going Out

Watauga County property owners already have started getting notices of their 1969 county ad valorem taxes due.

County Tax Collector Ralph Hayes said that notices will go out this week to property owners in Blue Ridge Township. Notice previously have been sent to property owners in Bald Mountain and Blue Ridge townships.

Hayes said that the last of the notices is expected to be in the mail by Oct. 1.

The county budget calls for the

notices to bring into the county's treasury a total of \$704,996 during the current fiscal year, ending June 30, 1970.

Taxpayers who pay their taxes early will get the usual discount, Hayes said. A one per cent discount is allowed on taxes paid during August and September. October will offer a one-half per cent discount.

Farm payments are allowed for three months—November, December and January, Hayes said. A one per cent penalty will be started Feb. 2, 1970.

Mrs. Rivers Named Trustee At ASU

Raleigh—Governor Bob Scott has named two new members to the Appalachian State University Board of Trustees and reappointed two present members to second terms on the board.

Mrs. Robert C. Rivers of Boone succeeds Claude Armfield Jr. of Lenoir on the board. She will serve an eight year term. D. Dwight Crater of North Wilkesboro will complete the term ending in 1973 of the late Dr. John B. Hagaman Jr. William B. Rankin of Lincoln and Wayne B. Shoaf of Lexington have been reappointed to eight year terms on the board.

Mrs. Rivers, associate editor of the Watauga Democrat is the only woman on the board. She is also the Watauga county representative for the N. C. School of the Arts and past secretary of the Watauga County Hospital board of trustees. She is a graduate of Appalachian and a native of Watauga county.



MRS. RIVERS

Crater, senior trust officer, The Northwestern Bank in North Wilkesboro, is also president of the trust division of the State Bankers Association and member of the executive committee of the association. He is a

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Holshouser Attends Event For Nixon

Washington—James E. Holshouser Jr. of Boone, North Carolina's Republican state chairman, was among the nearly 200 Republican leaders at the White House this week for the first anniversary celebration of President Nixon's nomination at the Republican National Convention.

WHS Year Book To Be Given Out

The 1969 edition of Watauga High School's yearbook, The Musket, will be distributed at 8 Saturday night, Aug. 16, in the school lobby.

Books will be given out first to those students having their purchase receipts. Additional information may be had from Mrs. Marie Hodges (264-8014), business advisor for The Musket.

Education Teachers Meet During Week

Over 900 Trade and Industrial Education teachers will meet on the Appalachian State University campus the week of August 10-15 for their annual summer conference.

Educators from throughout the state will gather on the

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MISSING BEAR—Mildred, the "fame wild bear" of Grandfather Mountain renova, is shown posing with Darby Hinton, television son of Daniel Boone, Hagh Morton photo.

Mildred Back Home

Hugh Morton's bear named Mildred, who was carted away from her Grandfather Mountain premises last Friday night, came back home Monday, halo and hearty.

Some miscreant broke a lock on the cage in which the tame bear was being kept during nights, hauled her away and there was sorrow amongst the children and all those who'd learned to love the affable bear, who'd taken to human society

with uncommon pleasure.

Meantime Mr. Morton had offered \$250 for her return.

Whether Mildred escaped her captors or was liberated by them, isn't known.

Word is that Hugh is happy and that Mildred enjoyed coming back home so and. Among other things tendered her was a 43-cent box of Pig Newtons, one of her favorite delicacies.

Rising Business Tempo In Watauga

Watauga County's economy continued moving forward during the past year, according to a report on the nation's markets, just released.

Significant gains were chalked up in the local trading area as consumers, with more money at their command, indulged in large-scale spending.

The amount that they spent in the area, and what it meant for local retail merchants, are brought out in Sales Management's new "Survey of Buying Power."

The copyrighted report presents data on income and spending for every section of the country.

It shows that Watauga County residents had net spendable earnings in the year, after payment of their

personal income taxes, of \$35,778,000 as compared with the previous year's \$31,761,000.

Just how much this represented, on a per-family basis, was determined by dividing the total income by the number of local households. It amounted, on average, to \$6,880, an increase over the prior year's \$6,482.

What did local residents do with their bigger incomes? The figures show that they spent more for furniture, bought more air conditioners, refrigerators and washing machines, purchased fancier foods and, in general, treated themselves more luxuriously.

Neither the surtax nor the higher cost of goods and services deterred them to a noticeable degree.

As a result, retail business in the area was good. Local merchants accounted for gross sales of \$26,714,000, bettering the previous year's \$23,580,000.

Each community is rated in the survey on the basis of the amount of retail business actually done, as compared with its estimated full capacity.

It does this through an "index of buying power," which takes into account income, population and sales.

Watauga County's index rating is .0074, indicating that it is capable of producing that percent of the nation's retail business.

Since it accounted for more than that last year, .0079 percent, the conclusion is that some of the local purchasing is done by non-resident shoppers.