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Architects Are Making Plans

Owners Of Land To Build Boone Shopping Center

Work is scheduled to begin next spring on the new Boone Shopping Center, with its opening planned for the fall of 1970.

Promotion of the 12-acre project on the Blowing Rock Road has been assumed by the two owners of the land, J. C. Faw of North Wilkesboro and Truby G. Proctor Sr. of Sanford.

Faw, who is president of Lowe's Super Markets, said the center will include some 100,000 square feet of store space and will cost up to \$1 1/2 million. He said the preliminary plans are being drawn by Carol Abes,

architect of Hickory. They should be ready in two months, he said.

Faw said that if the project were "located anywhere else but Boone, we would not wait until spring to start construction. We would start this winter."

Plans for a shopping center on the site announced earlier this summer have been terminated. A South Carolina construction firm, Ford Brothers, had purchased an option on the land from Proctor.

The option expired in early July, Faw said he purchased an interest in the land from Proctor after that.

Faw said the center will include a large, modern Lowe's Food Store, a department store containing 40,000 square feet, and some 20 stores. The parking lot will contain spaces for 750 cars.

"The project is very much alive," Faw said.

Faw suggested that for further information, parties should contact the Boone Shopping Center field office at the site across from Holiday Inn. Local spokesman will be Bill Dale.

Faw said he recently purchased the old miniature golf course land between The Frazier Steak House and Tony's Burger House from Phil Templeton. The property joins the shopping center on the back, Faw said.

Faw has developed four other shopping centers, one each in North Wilkesboro, Lenoir, Morganton and Hickory. The Morganton and Hickory properties are in the final stages of development.

The Boone center will be larger than any of the others, he said.

Proctor and Faw have interests in Holiday Inns under construction in Wilkesboro and Sanford.

Proctor is president of Lee-Moore Oil Company in Sanford.

Co. Commissioners Will Meet Tuesday

The regular September meeting of the County Board of Commissioners will be held Tuesday rather than the first Monday, which is Labor Day.

The Commission will be in session from 4 to 6 Tuesday afternoon then reconvene at 7.

More Students In Co. Schools

Enrollment in Watauga County Public Schools increased by 37 students when school opened Wednesday, Aug. 20.

Dr. Swanson Richards, superintendent, reported that the biggest jump came at Watauga High School where 18 new students pushed enrollment to 1,230 students from last year's 1,212.

Three elementary schools showed enrollment decreases



PIONEER TICKETS—Season tickets for all athletic events at Watauga High School have gone on sale through the school's athletic booster club. Family rates are \$30 a year. Individual tickets are \$10. Preparing to begin the annual drive following the Booster Club meeting last week are (kneeling) Harvey Trivette, Jerry Coe, James Marsh, Dr. Ben Horton and Hugh Hagaman, Standing are Dr. Swanson Richards, Dr. Robert Randall, John Hollar and Coach Bob Poe. Tickets may be secured from any of these club members or a number of other members not pictured. (Staff photo)

Garbage Pickup Problem Takes Attention Of Board

The Mayor and Aldermen of Boone agreed Thursday night that garbage pick-up is a problem in the city, but asked for additional time to study the situation and seek a solution within the confines of the budget set up by the last administration.

Spokesman for Keystone Drive residents, Alfred Ward, pointed out that they get only one garbage pick-up per week. He said some families have three to four garbage cans each, and in a week's time these often spill over, creating a health hazard.

Ward also noted that many homes do not have disposals

since they are on septic tanks and therefore must put out spoiled and leftover meats. Noting that other sections of Boone get two garbage pickups per week, Ward said "We feel that, being part of the city, we should have the same privileges."

Mayor Winkler said he was "informed legal assistance is being employed to bring action against the town," but Ward said he had not heard that.

Otis Strother told council he had addressed the last administration on the garbage problem to no avail, and that he understood that when the Poplar Drive area was annexed it was to receive the same services as the rest of the town.

Robert Nicklin inquired if council had looked into putting the garbage business on contract to a private group, which he suggested "would be cheaper in the long run and quicker."

Alderman Cottrell agreed "the situation in some sections of the city is acute," but pointed out that annexation had doubled the pick-up route and the present equipment and crew

could not meet the demand. The Mayor then proposed council might give each residence one free pick-up and charge for each extra pickup called for each week. He said the city has not enforced its ordinance that residents leave garbage in air-tight, waterproof containers because it would be working a hardship on citizens.

He also suggested the big dumpster cans could be shared by up to four families and the present crew could increase the number of weekly pickups.

The council was agreed as to the need, but stressed the lack of funds to provide immediate relief. A letter had been sent by Dr. O. David Garvin, M. D. of Raleigh, who will soon move permanently into his Keystone Drive home. Dr. Garvin had written of the public health dilemma created in lieu of additional garbage collection.

Council also took under advisement a suggestion that by employing plastic garbage bags, regular trucks could supplant expensive garbage trucks in extending pickup service in Boone.

Red Cross Aiding Victims Of Storm

Donations ranging from personal services of a funeral home director and bank accountants to canned goods and electric generators have been pouring into Red Cross Southeastern

Area Headquarters and chapters to aid in the relief and recovery operations in the wake of Hurricane Camille.

95 New Firms

Since our report of the business boom Watauga County has experienced in the past five years, 9 more enterprises have been added to the list.

They are Hilltop Tire Company, Fair Mountain Homes, Jefferson Standard Life Insurance Company, Brenda's Hair Styles, Brown-Winkler Apartments, Perkinsville Laundry-Mat, Mountaineer Barber Shop, Mary's Beauty Shop and Tri-County Mobile Homes.

This brings the total for the period to 95.

BULLETIN Red Cross notified the Democrat at presstime that the national quota has risen to \$15 million. Watauga's quota proportionately has gone to \$750. Red Cross now is answering calls for help from the flood victims of Virginia and Tennessee.



PASTOR GIVEN NEW CAR—The Rev. Carl Wilson was taken aback when he was handed the keys to a 1969 green Plymouth Fury III Sunday afternoon. The gift was made by the congregations of Mountain Dale, Beaver Dam, Antioch and Mt. Lebanon—the Baptist churches in Watauga County. Representatives of the four congregations were at Mt. Lebanon when Clint Cornett (left) of the Mountain Dale Church passed the car keys to Mr. Wilson, Mrs. Wilson and their two daughters were there when the surprise presentation was made. The family also includes two sons.

Name Change For Proposed New School In East Boone Is Asked

At its Monday, Aug. 18 meeting, the Board of Education accepted a request from Mr. and Mrs. Grady Farthing that the school proposed to be built on property they now own be given another name than that proposed in the option.

The board holds an option to purchase some 20 acres of the Farthing farm in east Boone. Farthing asked that the portion of the option stating that the school may be named Grady or Lucy Farthing School be deleted.

Dr. Richards At Meeting In State Capital

Dr. Swanson Richards, superintendent of Watauga County Schools, attended a two-day conference in Raleigh last weekend where plans were laid for implementing a middle grades occupational education program in the state school system. He was one of among 20 teachers, guidance counselors, laymen and school administrators who met with Jerome Melton, assistant state superintendent, and members of SDE's program services staff to develop plans for the program.

Community-Campus Group Is Helping To Welcome Freshmen

The Community-Campus Relations Committee needs more families to help welcome incoming freshmen to Appalachian in mid-September.

The Watauga Savings & Loan Association will list the volunteer families who would like to entertain two, three or four freshmen for lunch on Sunday, Sept. 14.

In enlisting in the "Students For a Meal" programs, families are asked to leave their name, address and phone number so

board agreed later to discuss a name for the school.

TWO SITES In optioning the Farthing acreage, the board heavily considered the recommendation of the staff, Division of School Planning, State Department of Public Instruction.

State representatives were in Boone Friday, July 25, to examine sites available for a 1,100-student school for grades kindergarten through eight in Boone.

The staff described the Farthing site off NC 194 near the US 221-421 intersection east of Boone as "moderately level." The per-acre cost, as later accepted in the school board's option with the owner, is \$8,000.

"The Farthing site seems to present no difficulties with regard to drainage and subsurface soil conditions," the state staff reported.

They also studied the Trivette site (Aug. 21 issue, "35 Acre Tractor, Recreation Area to Be Open in 60 Days"), relating that the 35-acre tract reportedly would sell at \$5,000 per acre, and "Since the Trivette site is on the lowlands of the river, it would be necessary to make extensive studies on the necessity for possible special provisions of foundations and also for grading in order to raise the site or portions thereof . . ."

The report pointed out that the bottomland is bordered on one side by the New River and that an architect would be needed in planning special foundations on the Trivette site. At present, however, an architect has not been selected.

The report concluded: "Since it is necessary to make decisions about the site in the very near future and since it is likely to take several months to make appropriate analyses of the Trivette site, it is our recommendation that the Farthing site be obtained even at the highest cost per acre." They ended by pointing out that additional land, if needed in the future, might be obtained from the Farthing farm surrounding the proposed



BACK TO THE BOOKS—It was back to the books for 1,230 students at Watauga High School last week as the new school year opened in the county. Here, Jimmy Hopper (left), son of Mr. and Mrs. Roanoke Hopper of Route 1, Banner Elk, and Eddie Wyatt, son of Mr. and Mrs. Grady Bradshaw of Route 1, Blowing Rock, demonstrate the meaning of the term. (Staff photo)

Public Pay Roll \$195,000 Month Locally

A comprehensive survey of public employment in the United States reveals that the number of people in Watauga County who are on local government payrolls is relatively small.

There are fewer people so-employed locally, in proportion to population, than in most parts of the country.

Taken into account in the compilation are all persons who are on the payrolls of county governments, of townships, municipalities, school districts and special districts. Federal and state employees are not included.

The facts and figures relating to public employment and public payrolls, gathered every five years by the Department of Commerce in connection with its "Census of Governments," have just been released.

They show a total of 631 persons in public employ in Watauga County during the period the count was taken.

Of these, 541 were employed full-time. The others on a part-time basis, were converted into their full-time equivalent so that comparison might be made with other communities.

The net finding is that, in terms of population, there is one full-time worker, or the equivalent, for every 37 local residents.

This is a smaller number of employees, relatively, than are on the payrolls of most communities in the United States, the average being one for every 35 residents.

It is larger, however, than the Southern States ratio of one employee per 33 people.

In almost every section of the country, governments are expanding, in terms of personnel. Total public employment, in the five years since the prior survey, increased by nearly two million, or 23 percent. More than half of it was accounted for by local governments.

Payrolls went up at an even faster pace during the five years, rising 53 percent, according to the report.

As for the picture in the local area, the public payroll in Watauga County reached a total of \$195,000 per month, equal to \$9.47 in cost for each local resident.

Elsewhere in the Southern States it took an average of \$12.39 per capita to meet monthly payroll costs and, in the State of North Carolina, \$11.4.