



20 YEARS SAFE DRIVING—The Expert Driver Award of the National Safety Council is passed to Allen Councill Henson, route carrier in Watauga County, for his 20 years safe driving. The presentation was made Friday by Mrs. Juanita Hicks, Vilas Postmaster. The event took place last week. (Staff photo)

Belk Library Services Are Expanded This Week

Appalachian State University's Belk Library will expand its working schedule by 19 hours per week beginning Monday morning (Oct. 13) to accommodate needs of the 6,300 resident students on the growing campus.

Announcement of the expanded hours of operation apparently ends a minor student controversy which arose on the campus in September when the library's schedule had to be shortened in order to hold salaries of student library workers within budget requirements.

The result was a 74-hour per week schedule which forced the library to close at 5:00 p. m. on Fridays, 1:00 p. m. on Saturdays, and at 10:00 p. m. on Sundays through Thursdays.

Under the new schedule, Belk Library will be open for student use between the hours of 8:00 a. m. and 11:00 p. m. Mondays through Fridays, from 9:00 a. m. to 5:00 p. m. on Saturdays, and from 2:00 to 11:00 p. m. on Sundays.

Head librarian William L. Dury explained, "We were faced with having to hire nearly 100 student assistants for 4,070 hours per month to keep the library open and at full service, and there was simply not enough money to pay their salaries. The only alternative was to reduce the number of hours per week which the library was open for students."

A subcommittee, however, appointed by the faculty-student Library and Instructional Services Committee, took the problem into hand, studied the efficiency structure of the library's 14 departments, and has come up with a detailed

state of recommendations which would allow Belk Library to remain open longer without additional salary expenditures.

The time study was headed by mathematics professor Robert L. Richardson who was assisted by some 75 students enrolled in two Business Management 415 classes. "The study took an overall three weeks to initiate and complete, and over 800 man hours of work went into the

project," Richardson said.

As a result of the study, certain minor library services will be curtailed, but other more demanded services will be increased. In addition, the library has accepted the committee's suggestion of using more federally sponsored work-study assistants and fewer students employed with funds from the university to staff the library.

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Mrs. Hodges To Aid Humane Group

Mrs. Roger Hodges of the local office of the Employment Security Commission has accepted a request to be secretary of the Humane Society of Watauga County.

The former Elaine Clawson, Mrs. Hodges is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Clawson of Boone. Her husband Roger, a junior physical education student at Appalachian State University, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Hodges of Boone.

DICK TRACY TOO VIOLENT
ST. PETERSBURG, FLA.—The St. Petersburg Times has dropped the comic strip, Dick Tracy, because it has become too violent. A spokesman for the Times said the decision to drop the long-popular strip had not been made lightly.

WELFARE AID PLAN
President Nixon sent his welfare program to Congress with a recommendation that come as a surprise. He asked that \$25 a month be added to the minimum aid to needy aged and disabled persons.

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A Message To The People Of Watauga County

Board Minutes, Monday, October 6, 1969

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RESOLUTION ON AMOUNTS OF BOND MONEY FOR VARIOUS SCHOOLS

The Board after careful final review of the immediate needs at each county elementary school hereby reaffirms its commitment to expend from the November 4 bond issue not less than the following amounts at each county school:

Bethel:	Multi-purpose room	\$ 60,000.00
Blewing Rock:	Library renovations	15,000.00
Cove Creek:	Move cafeteria	65,000.00
Green Valley:	Library renovations-classroom space	20,000.00
Mabel:	Multi-purpose room	60,000.00
Parkway:	Library renovations - toilets	90,000.00
Valle Crucis:	Renovation of auditorium for library and work space	35,000.00
	Improve toilet facilities at all county schools	25,000.00
	Improve plumbing, heating and electrical systems at all county schools	100,000.00
	Additional equipment at all county schools	30,000.00

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WE, THE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF WATAUGA COUNTY GUARANTEE THAT THE FUNDS FROM THE BOND ISSUE WILL BE SPENT AS INDICATED.

State of North Carolina, Watauga County, ss.

I, Mark W. Hodges, a notary public, do hereby certify that, S. Clyde Eggers, Sr., Hugh Hagaman, Edsel Cook, James Marsh, and John Hollar, Chairman, personally appeared before me this day and acknowledged the due execution of the foregoing instrument.

Witness my hand and official seal this 13th day of October, 1969.

My Commission Expires: 10-12-74

Mark W. Hodges
Notary Public

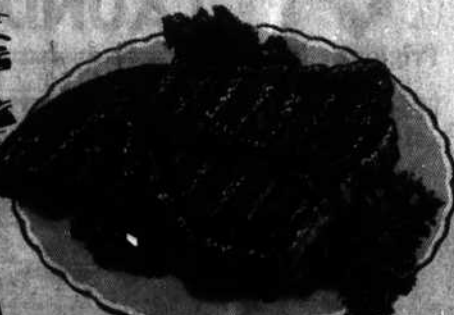
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