



AN ELECTION DAY SNOW sifted down on Watauga County last week, continuing lightly until one and a half inches piled up. Much of the precipitation was sleet-like Tuesday night, but not

wet enough to dissolve sticking snow. The following morning, Nov. 5, many secondary roads were blanketed, but were melted clear by mid-morning. (Bill Rogers photo)

Music-Drama Critic Of Maine And Doc Watson Get Together

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(NOTE: Mr. Newall is the music-drama critic of The Bangor Daily News and The Maine Times. He forwarded his interview with Doc Watson after

the prominent singer-guitarist appeared at the University of Maine last month. Watson was on the Orono campus as part of that university's concert series.)

Unpretentious and completely authentic, which, alas, most self-styled folksingers are emphatically not, "Doc" Watson has only recently emerged from that vast repository of folk-

loristic materials, the mountains of North Carolina. Slipping out of his hometown, Deep Gap, ever and anon, Watson now does about fifteen concerts or coffee house appearances a year. "I'm interested in earning a living," said Watson over dinner just prior to his concert at the University of Maine's Memorial Gymnasium on Oct. 8, "not in getting rich. Nor am I interested in being in the limelight." And one believes the blind troubadour implicitly.

With no axes to grind and no protests to make, Watson must be unique among the Baezses, Dylans and Collinses of the pop world. "I don't research my songs," he asserts, "I just sing them." Besides the countless tunes he picked up from his parents and from all the folk with whom he grew up, he listened avidly to Gene Earle's old 78 records, absorbing all those songs as well.

"What happens when you have a choice of tunes?" I asked.

"Among the many melodies

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INSPECT SCHOOL ADDITION—Inspection of the new vocational wing at Watauga High School was held last Friday, Nov. 7. Among those giving a final check to the facilities were Principal Dr. N. A. Miller, School Chairman John Hollar, Dr. Swanson Richards, superintendent, and Bill Price of Raleigh, consulting engineer with the Department of School Planning. (Staff photo)

New WHS Addition Will Be Ready For Use Monday

New instructional areas for some 100 vocational students at Watauga High School will be ready for use on Monday.

Occupation of the 14,000-square-foot addition was authorized this week by the Board of Education following an inspection last Friday with engineers of the State Depart-

Convocation To Hear Wey

The general public is invited to what should prove an interesting Fall Convocation Thursday morning on the Appalachian campus.

Appalachian's new president, Dr. Herbert Wey, will address the student body and then will answer any and all questions posed to him by a panel of student leaders on stage.

The program is scheduled for 9:30 a. m. in the Varsity Gymnasium. There will be ample parking and seating space for campus visitors.

ment of Public Instruction and the architect.

Eighty per cent of the \$196,000 project was financed by the government's Appalachian Regional Commission.

The addition will provide quarters for classes in carpentry, cosmetology, graphic arts and auto mechanics. Classes in graphic arts will begin second semester.

Dr. Swanson Richards, superintendent of Watauga County Schools, said that, except for

an electrical panel, only minor adjustments were called for after the Friday inspection.

The panel reportedly is in shipment, Dr. Richards said. If it fails to arrive this week, temporary wiring will be arranged for part of the addition.

Construction on the project is more than two months late. It was due to have been completed in August. The vocational classes have held sessions in makeshift areas pending completion of the addition.

Annual Farm-City Banquet Set For Thursday Evening

Some 300 persons are expected to attend the annual Farm-City Week banquet tonight (Thursday) at the Holiday Inn.

Guest speaker will be Dr. Kenneth R. Keller of Raleigh, assistant director of the N.C. Agriculture Experiment Station. Awards will be made to 8 communities in Watauga County

based on their activities during the year. A number of door prizes will be presented.

The program will begin at 6:30 p. m. Alfred Adams will preside.

The event is sponsored by the Boone Chamber of Commerce, the Watauga Council of Rural Organizations and the Agriculture Workers Council.

2,379 Citizens Fail To Vote

The chairman of the Board of Elections reported Monday that 2,379 of the persons registered in Watauga County prior to the Nov. 4 election failed to turn in their ballots at the polls.

Dayton Wineberger's statistical report to the State Board of Elections, Raleigh, stated the total county registration was 7,023.

A total of 4,544 persons cast votes in the school bond and sales tax balloting.

The racial breakdown of county registration was 6,975 whites and 48 blacks.

Democrats numbered 3,608; Republicans, 3,042; and Independents, 373.

State Officials Arrive In Boone

Ten officials of the Department of Local Affairs, Raleigh, were to arrive in Boone Tuesday night for a stay at the Holiday Inn.

Wednesday morning at 8:30 they were to have begun a series of meetings.

The delegation was headed by T. Ervin Aldridge, director of the department. Among those with him were Mignon Hardin, assistant director and the division administrator for community planning, law and order, recreation and human resources.

Annual Jaycee Pageant Miss Watauga Will Get Crown Saturday

The Boone Jaycees and Jayettes will take the wraps off their 1969 edition of the Miss Watauga Pageant Saturday night. But they will be at work in Broome-Kirk Gymnasium on the Appalachian campus.

The move from the Appalachian Elementary School, where the pageant has been held for several years, is being made in order to accommodate everyone who wants to attend. The pageant has enjoyed full-house status for the last several years at AES.

Bill Ross will emcee the event, which starts at 8:10 with the theme, Age of Aquarius.

Pageant chairman Sonny Tugman isn't telling all, but says the format of the show has been redesigned. Elmer White's band will provide the music starting at 8 and 10 minutes later the curtain will open on a stage setting based on the zodiac.

Evening gown will be the first phase in which Ollie Jackson, Diane Cater, Debby Dickson, Janet Evans, Lee Godwin, Wendy Hawkins, Diane Miller, Glenda Simmons and Nancy Stacy compete.

Afterwards they will appear in the talent and swim suit divisions.

Special entertainment will be a choral group under the direction of Eugene Wilson, choral director at Watauga High School.

The panel of judges will comprise three men and two women. One of the men, according to Jaycees publicity director Ron Hester, judged the 1969 Miss America when she was vying for the title, Miss Michigan.

TICKETS
Student tickets will be \$1 each and general admission will be \$2. Reserved seat tickets are \$2.50. Tickets can be bought at the Watauga Savings & Loan

Association, East King Street Pharmacy, Boone Drug Company, The Carolina Pharmacy, Deerfield Pharmacy, the Flemmons Student Center, Flowers' Photo Shop and Roten's Town and Campus.

As first runner-up to last year's winner, Miss Ollie Jackson normally would have served out the year, but was encouraged to decline so that she could compete in the forthcoming pageant. Ollie was the crowd-favorite last year.

Miss Kris Anderson, second runner-up last year, will crown the new Miss Watauga. She consented to serve the unexpired term of Miss Watauga Sharon Lineau who was married in the fall.

"The Age of Aquarius" was the most popular song from the play, Hair, which is running in New York City. White's band will play the number at the beginning of the pageant.

Aquarius is the 11th sign of the Zodiac. It applies to people born between Jan. 20 and Feb. 18 and who "excel in art, music literature," who have strong will power and are "sociable, pacific and slow to anger."

The Boone Jaycees beauty pageant has been acclaimed as among the finest held in the state.

The Jaycees were organized in April of 1956 with Dr. Gene Reese as president.

Their first beauty pageant was held May 11, 1957, and Miss Carol Jean Prealar was crowned as the first Miss Watauga.

Navy Recruiter

Chief Petty Officer Reid, local Navy Recruiter reports he will be in Boone on Wednesday of each week from 9:30 a. m. to 4 p. m. He will be located in the lobby of the Post Office Building.



TO CROWN NEW QUEEN—Lovely Miss Kristen Anderson, second runner-up in the 1968 Miss Watauga Pageant, will be on hand Saturday night to crown the winner of the local pageant. First runner-up, Miss Ollie Jackson, was to have succeeded Miss Sharon Lineau, Miss Watauga who married this fall before her term expired. But having been the crowd-favorite last year, Miss Jackson was asked to decline to serve the unexpired period so that she could compete in the pageant. Asked to fill in, Miss Anderson graciously consented. She is an ASU co-ed who is an artist and dancer. (Flowers photo)



TOBACCO GRADING TIME—In a 20-year-old log cabin which serves as his grading room, Leonard Ward of Route 2, Vilas grades burley leaf for sale in the local tobacco market. The Boone market will open Monday, Nov. 24. Ward has been growing tobacco for 36 years. (Staff photo)

Major Thomas Heads Annual Seal Campaign

The Christmas Seal campaign to support the work of the Northwestern Tuberculosis and Respiratory Disease Association began yesterday (Wednesday) in nine northwestern counties.

Mrs. Esther Moe of Winston-Salem, executive secretary of the association, said that \$7,000 already was in hand and that Watauga County so far is the largest donor.

Maj. John Thomas of Boone is chairman of the Watauga County campaign. Assisting are Mrs. Wayne Richardson and Mrs. Herman W. Wilcox.

They invite persons to send contributions to the association office at 233 W. Fifth Street, Winston-Salem, 27101.

Toll-Free Service Is Announced

Toll-free telephone service between Blowing Rock and Watauga (Hound-Ears, Foscoe area) will go into effect Nov. 19.

Beginning on this date Blowing Rock subscribers can call any telephone in the Watauga exchange without paying a long distance charge and Watauga subscribers can call any Blowing Rock telephone without paying a long distance charge.

After the new service goes into effect, Blowing Rock telephone subscribers will be able to call a total of 5,468 telephones in the Blowing Rock, Boone and Watauga areas without a long distance charge. The new arrangement provides for an unlimited number of calls to any of these telephones.

Local Use Of Title I Funds Is Not In Violation Of Act

Current use of Title I federal funds in Watauga County is not in violation of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act, county school officials said Monday.

A report released in Washington during the weekend

House Trailer Is Destroyed In Fire

Fire of undetermined origin destroyed a house trailer early Friday morning at Clawson's Trailer Court in the Perkinsville area.

The Boone Fire Department answered the call at 6 a. m. The owner was out of town.

charged that millions of dollars intended to help poor children have been spent illegally by state and local school boards.

The report was released by the Washington Research Project and the NAACP Legal Fund.

Dr. Swanson Richards, superintendent of Watauga County Schools, and Willis Moretz, director of the school board's federal programs under the ESEA Act, said that all projects involving federal funds have been "reviewed and approved" by state school officials.

Moretz said that until this school year, the music program conducted in county schools was financed by Title I funds. He

said the program was questioned at the state level as a "borderline program."

Rather than abandon the music program, the school board placed its financing under local funds for this school year. It involved a shift of some \$50,000 onto local tax revenue.

Watauga's Title I budget from federal funds is \$230,317 for this school year, Moretz said. The funds are used to finance the Language Arts Reading Program, he said.

The Washington report charged that Title I funds have been used to supplant local-state funds and, in a back-door way, to maintain segregated schools.