

BOONE WEATHER			
1969	Hi	Lo	Prec. Snow
Nov. 25	54	34	44 33
Nov. 26	51	36	60 23
Nov. 27	50	29	56 27
Nov. 28	41	32	1.04 1/2 in.
Nov. 29	51	32	54 34
Nov. 30	36	23	47 30
Dec. 1	—	—	45 33

## Mrs. Turner Jailed After Body Of Boone Woman Found In Coal Bin

### Victim's Body Bore Evidence Brutal Assault

Willie McBride Jr., 32-year-old laborer, was charged Sunday with murder following the apparent stabbing death of Mrs. Pauline Turner of North Street in Boone.

Sheriff Ward G. Carroll said McBride, of 213 Church St., was being held without bond for preliminary hearing on Monday, Dec. 15, in Watauga District Court.

McBride was picked up at his rooming address some 20 minutes after officers discovered Mrs. Turner's body. He said she appeared to have been stabbed several times and her throat cut.

Carroll estimated that Mrs. Turner, a widow, was killed between 10 p. m. Saturday, Nov. 29, and 3 a. m. the next day. An autopsy was performed Monday in Morganton.

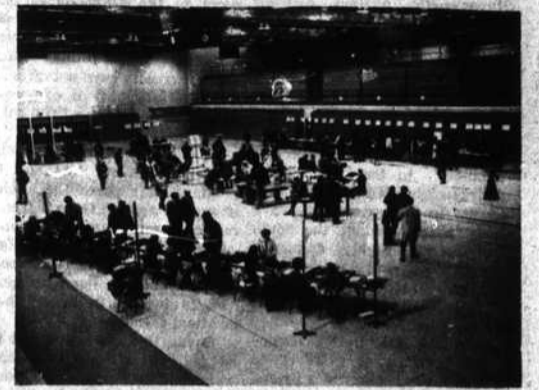
Carroll was alerted when the victim's mother, Mrs. Fred Grimes of Church Street, called the sheriff's office about 6:30 p. m. Sunday to report that her daughter had been missing since the night before.

Carroll and Deputy Bynum Winkler searched the Turner woman's home and found no trace of her. They found her body in the coal bin outside.

Apprehending McBride were Winkler and Boone officers Zane Tester and William Maiba.

Carroll signed the murder warrant on "information and belief" that McBride was involved in the death.

Charlie Whitman, special agent of the State Bureau of



QUARTERLY VIGIL MADE EASY—The registration lines in Appalachian's Varsity Gymnasium were shorter than usual this year because of an improved system which enabled ASU officials to register some 6,000 in just two days' time.

## Registration Made Easy At ASU

Officials in the office of the registrar at Appalachian State University seem to have solved the problem of how to register 6000 students for winter quarter classes and, at the same time, eliminate the traditional long lines and the customary gnashing of teeth.

In the experimental program, all students paid a flat fee and picked up meal books last week. Special fees, for such items as sid classes, will be billed to individual students during the coming three months.

And when ASU's student body underwent regular registration on Monday and Tuesday of this week, all they needed to do was pick up course cards for their

desired classes. The process took about 15 minutes of the typical student's time, and it enabled the university to register some 6000 students in two eight-hour working periods. Other improvements which

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## Bloodmobile In Boone Today

The Red Cross Bloodmobile will be at the First Baptist Church fellowship hall Thursday, Dec. 4 from 11 a. m. to 4:30 p. m.

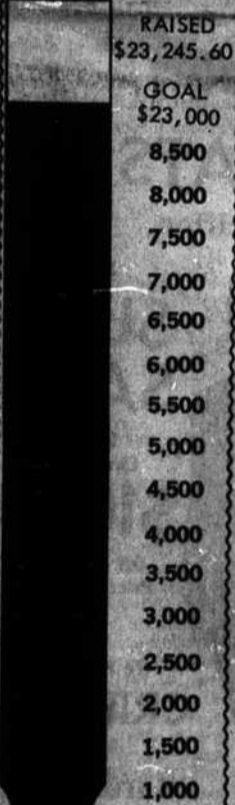
Some 125 pints are needed to meet our quota.



UP, UP AND AWAY—A quick reference point in this aerial view of Boone is the large, gray patch at right center: the roof of the burley tobacco warehouse on the Boone Thoroughfare. The photographer was Jerry Sudderth and this

angle looks eastward. The road stemming from the center-bottom of the picture is Highway 421-321, a state maintained road known as King Street in downtown Boone.

### How It Stands



## Vital Local Road Projects To Be Constructed Next Summer

Work is expected to start next spring on widening a 1.6 mile section of US 421 westward from the Wilkes County line.

And highway officials are hopeful that monies recently allocated for the widening of Blowing Rock-Lenoir highway, he said.

J. E. Doughton of Wilkesboro, division engineer, said the 421 mountain road will be widened to four lanes with adequate shoulders. It will be similar to the passing lanes recently completed on the Blowing Rock-Lenoir highway, he said.

The project will be carried

out by highway maintenance forces. The expected cost is \$375,000, Doughton said. The funds were appropriated from highway monies during the administration of Gov. Dan Moore.

The area involved will be from the Wilkes County line westward to the west entrance of the old Orchard Road into

US 421. Doughton said right-of-way problems are expected to be worked out satisfactorily during the next two months.

The Blowing Rock Road project in Boone is expected to cost up to \$800,000. The Moore administration appropriated \$450,000 for the project and the Scott highway commission last month provided the \$350,000 supplement.

Plans for the project should be about completed, Doughton said. The area would include widening from a point just north of the NC 105 intersection southward to the area of the entrance of the Boone Golf Club.

Doughton said the state already has the necessary 100-foot right-of-way for a five-lane road with curb and gutter.

## Boone United Fund Drive Is Above Goal

Boone's United Fund drive has topped its \$23,000 goal with total cash and pledge contributions of \$23,245.60, according to Stanley Harris Jr., treasurer.

This year's drive was headed by Jerry Moretz and John Austin.

Member United Fund agencies in Boone and their UF budgets are:

- Parks and Recreation, \$3,000; 4-H Council, \$340; Girl Scouts, \$1,824; Boy Scouts, \$4,000; Red Cross, \$8,000; Emergency Relief, \$800; Watauga County Rescue Squad, \$1,820; Agriculture Workers Council, \$200; Empty Stomach Fund, \$450; Humane Society, \$300; Carolinas United Fund, \$2,000; Little League, \$1,000; and contingency fund, \$1,466.

Harris said the budget surplus probably will be allocated to the Carolinas United Fund which requested \$2,288.05.

## Chair Co. Will Open Plant In City May 1

A firm to manufacture beach equipment, including chairs and umbrellas, will be opened next spring in Boone.

Harrison R. Todd of Hollywood, Fla., said the new firm will operate under the name of H & T Chair Company, Inc. The operation will begin by May 1, he said.

The firm will employ up to 10 men, he said, and will be located in the old Colvard building on East King Street.

Harrison has operated the Take-Along-Travel Chair Company in Hollywood for 15 years. The firm ships its products throughout the United States, he said. And much of the framing comes from the Appalachian area.

Harrison said his firm has purchased the old Colvard building for the Boone operation. Boone, he said, is located right in the heart of a good supply of beech, birch and maple.

Harrison said the H & T Chair Co. will occupy only the ground

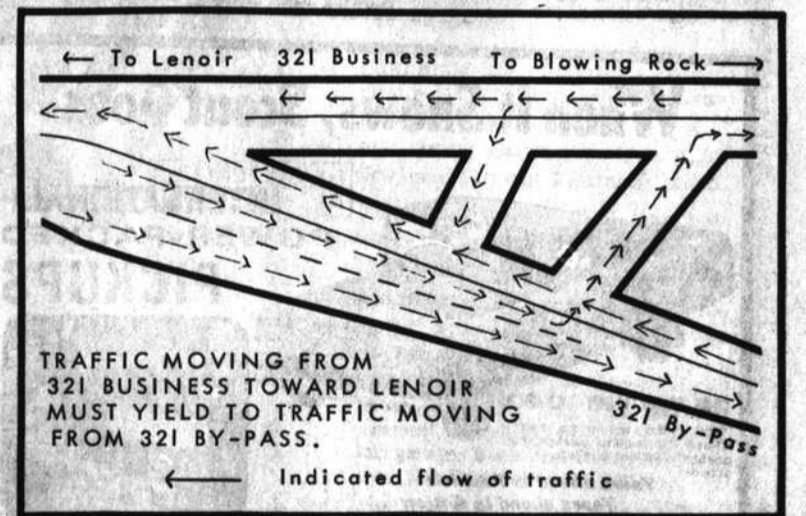
floor of the building. Mr. and Mrs. Harrison have spent their summers at their Meet Camp farm for the last five years.

## Funds Sought To Bring Yule Cheer To Grandfather Home

As has been the case for more than 30 years, the Democrat and other business people along the Street are seeking contributions to a fund to provide some added Christmas cheer for the boys and girls at Grandfather Home for Children, Banner Elk.

Word is that necessary revenues to sustain the facility are not coming easily this year and generous response to this appeal is asked. The institution has been supported well by local people, since most all of the children being reared there come from this immediate area.

Those desiring to contribute are asked to leave their cash contributions with James Marsh at the Savings and Loan Association, Alfred Adams at the Northwestern Bank, W. W. Chester at Belks, Guy Hunt at Hunt's or Rob Rivers at the Watauga Democrat.



IN BLOWING ROCK—The State Highway Department has almost finished the new intersection of Highway 321 Business and 321 Bypass. Traffic moving from 321 Business toward Lenoir must yield to Bypass traffic and motorists coming from Lenoir must enter 321 Bypass and turn left to get on 321 Business heading toward Blowing Rock. The new arrangement is said to have caused some confusion and motorists should proceed with caution.

# Drug Problem Exists At WHS, Dr. Miller Tells Board

"There is a drug traffic problem at Watauga High School . . . There is a connection with Appalachian State University and Appalachian Elementary School."

This warning was presented to the Watauga County Board of Education Monday night by Watauga High School Principal Dr. N. A. Miller.

"We do have the problem and I thought you should be aware of it," Dr. Miller told the board.

However, Dr. Miller stressed that the "magnitude" of the

problem involved "less than three or four per cent of the student body." That is some 34 to 40 students, he said.

Dr. Miller said he felt the board should have the report from him since so many rumors about drugs at the school are in circulation.

Dr. Miller and the board agree that he should continue to report to the State Bureau of Investigation any suspected drug problem at the school.

A small number of names already are in the hands of the FBI,

And Dr. Miller has invited parents of this group to his office for private consultation about their children's possible association with drugs. He described this step as "preventative."

Most of those parents left feeling scared to death," he said.

Dr. Miller explained that drug use is a felony and is too serious for students and parents to be joking about. And this complicates the problems for students who feel that parents will simply "hail them out if they get caught," he said.

Asked what parents should do about the drug temptations, Dr. Miller said, "Just raise your children to hope that they do not get involved."

Dr. Miller stressed that it is "imperative" for parents "to know where your children are and whom they are with."

Dr. Miller told the board that he has talked with the entire student body about drug use and its consequences.

As for the source of any drugs, Dr. Miller indicates they are suspected to have come from the ASU campus and from two other

sources in the county. He declined to specify the two other sources.

He said the suspected instances involving Appalachian Elementary School amount to nothing more than an older brother passing along a stimulant to a member of the upper elementary grades.

Drug use in school is a difficult matter for a school administrator, Dr. Miller said, who is not trained as a "detective." He said every report, or rumor, must be checked out. It steals away time from a prin-

icipal's academic duties, he said. He has urged students and parents, to stop joking about using narcotics and stimulants. He noted that students can get all sorts of ideas and notions about drug use from television and movies.

As a practical matter, "It's hard to find," Dr. Miller said in describing efforts by his office to locate drug problems.

"It's easily hidden . . . odorless and tasteless," he said. And even when samples are sent to the FBI, the laboratory is three months behind in ana-

lyzing what the sample may be, he said.

Dr. Miller said there is no correlation between the suspected use of drugs and stimulants at Watauga High School and scholarship. Brilliant students may be just as interested in testing the pills as others, he said.

Board member Hugh Eganman urged that the entire student body not be condemned because of the suspected actions of three per cent. "We've got to trust those other 97 per cent," he said.