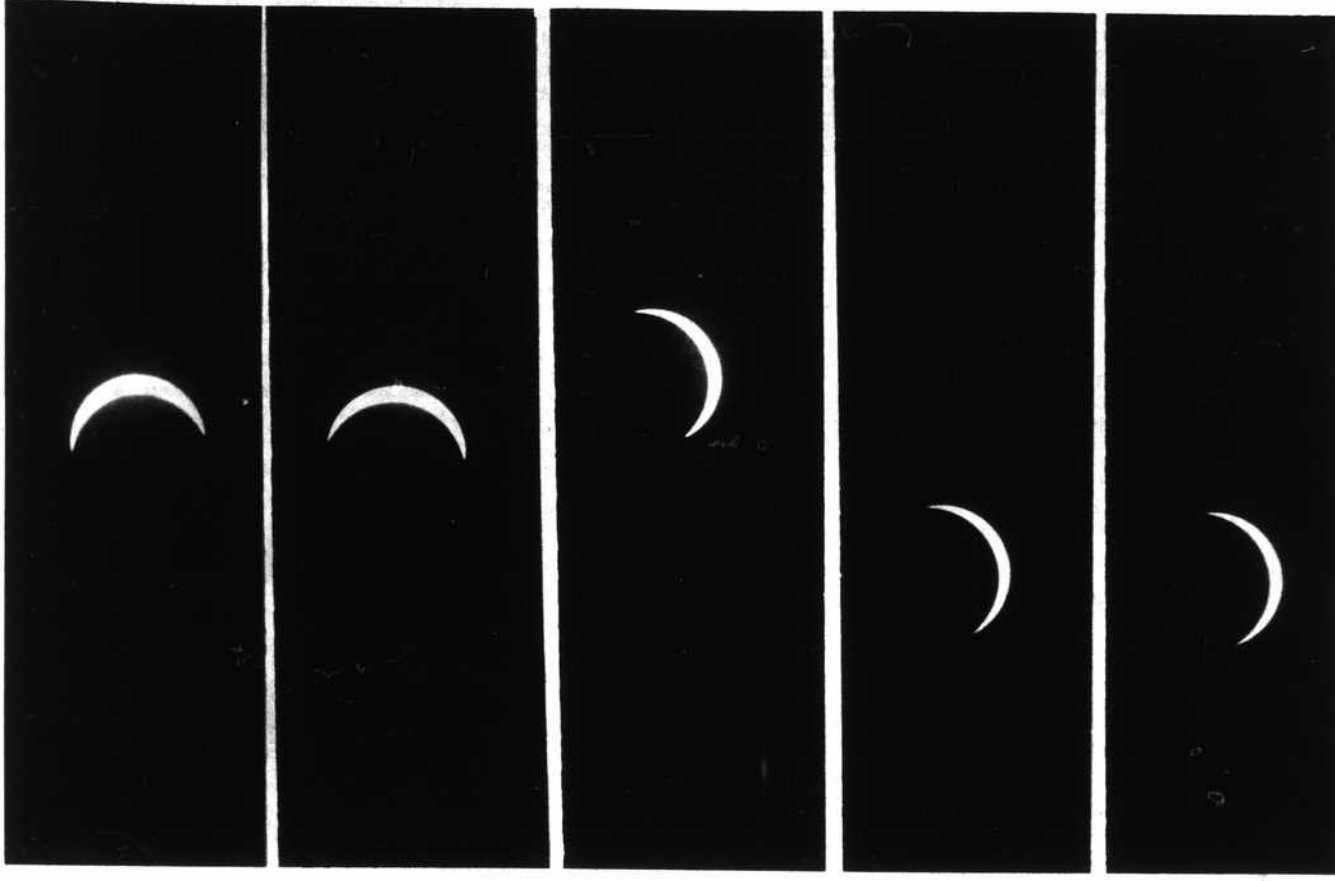


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Solar Eclipse As Seen In Boone

Shooting from East King Street in Boone Saturday afternoon, photographer Jerry Sudderth made five exposures of the Solar Eclipse between 1:10 and 1:35. Of interest to other photographers: Sudderth used a Nikon 35mm camera with a 135mm f/2.8 lens and a 2x tele-converter which made the focal length 270mm. The ex-

posures were made at 1/1,000 of a second at 1/22, shooting through a strip of exposed photographic film and a polar screen. Development was six minutes in D-76, with normal printing on F-2 paper.

New Jail Estimate \$300,000

Car For Sheriff Is County Issue

Board To Meet With Carroll For Discussion

Watauga County property taxes again will be based on an assessed ratio of 65 per cent for 1970-71.

The county commissioners adopted the assessment ratio during their March meeting held on Monday, March 2.

The ratio will apply to both real and personal property. It will be the basis used when commissioners set the tax rate for the next fiscal year.

In other action, the commissioners notified Sheriff Ward Carroll that the county plans to change its present plan of furnishing an automobile to the department.

The board called for a meeting with Carroll at 6 p. m. on Monday, March 16, to discuss a mileage allowance.

Carroll appeared before the board last month to ask for a new car. The present car, he said, is worn beyond the point of economical repair. Commissioners indicated then they were thinking about making a change.

County Tax Collector Ralph Hayes reported total collections of \$23,298.81 in taxes during the month of February. This included \$1,898.66 in back taxes.

The board authorized County Auditor James C. Lyons to transfer \$40,000 from the county's debt service fund to an interest-yielding deposit at Watauga Savings and Loan Association.

J. L. Williams, a jail architect of Matthews, told the board that a new county jail would cost about \$7,500 per inmate. Thus, a 40-inmate jail for Watauga County would cost about \$300,000.

The county recently completed improvements on the jail at the recommendation of the state jail inspector's office. The state has closed down the Avery County jail and has told county officials that a new jail is needed in Watauga.

The board decided to seek the appraisal of another jail designer, Freeman White and associates of Charlotte, in the matter.

The board named Dr. George Wesley of Boone to a three-year term on the board of Watauga County Hospital.

A total of \$50 was appropriated to help defray the expenses of Miss Janie Shipley next summer when she goes to Greece as a 4-H exchange student. Request for the appropriation was made by Woodrow Richardson of the county agent's office.

Co. Elections Board Sworn In

J. C. Winebarger has begun his fourth two-year term as chairman of the Watauga County Board of Elections.

Winebarger and two other board members were sworn in on Monday, March 9.

Others are Dallas Hodges of Vilas and Stacy Eggers of Boone. Hodges replaces John Bingham. Winebarger and Eggers are beginning their fifth term on the board.

Watauga Surgical Group Incorporated

Dr. Lowell Furman and Dr. Clayton Dean have incorporated as Watauga Surgical Group, P. A. (Professional Associates). Their offices are on the State Farm Road near Watauga County Hospital.



GERMAN-BORN CELLIST GISELA DEPKAT is touring as guest artist with the North Carolina Symphony and will perform Saint-Saens' "Concerto for Violoncello and Orchestra" with the Symphony at its Sunday afternoon concert in Boone.

Symphony To Appear In Concert

Benjamin Swalin, veteran director of the North Carolina Symphony, has announced the programs for the Symphony's two concerts in Boone this week.

A special free concert for all of Watauga County's public school students is slated for Appalachian State University's Varsity Gymnasium at 1 p. m. Friday and will feature excerpts from two movements of Beethoven's "Fifth Symphony," Handel's "Ave Maria" in B Flat, "Minute II" from Handel's "Fireworks Music," "The Red Pony Suite" by Copland and selections from Prokofiev's "Cinderella Suite."

According to Rogers Whitener of ASU's Artists and Lecture Series, the children have been thoroughly familiarized with the music the symphony is to perform. "At two points in the program," he explained, "the students will participate by playing small instruments and singing folk songs. The preparation they have undergone will make the concert one of their most memorable educational experiences."

The children's concert is co-sponsored by the university and the Boone Junior Woman's Club.

At 2 Sunday afternoon the Symphony's concert for the general public will feature guest

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Boone Man Is Vice-President Of Jaycee Area

A Boone Jaycee was selected to serve as State Vice-President for Area "A" of the Western Region at the Regional Jaycee meeting in Asheville last weekend.

James Hastings, currently serving as president of the Boone Jaycees, is now vice-president for the 10 clubs of Area A; Avery, Boone, Wilkes, Ashe, Lenoir, Hickory, Valdes, Clairmont, Hildebran and Newton-Conover.

The Western Region has four areas, and the area vice-presidents are the clubs' representatives on a state wide level.

Girl Scout Week Is Being Celebrated In Watauga Co.

During the week of March 8-14, the Girl Scouts and Brownies in Watauga County are joining the approximately four million girls and adult Scouts throughout the country in celebrating the 58th anniversary of the founding of Girl Scouts.

Special programs have been planned by the 13 local troops including a luncheon and a birthday party.

During the past year the more than 225 Watauga County Girl Scouts and Brownies have participated in a variety of activities. Approximately 135 girls attended Girl Scout Day Camp, during which time the learning of outdoor skills was stressed.

One troop attended a session

of the State Legislature in connection with their study of state and local government. Many service projects have been undertaken by the scouts including visits to nursing homes, favors for hospital patients and giving a

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Blowing Rock Man Dies Of Injuries Sustained In Crash

A 24-year-old Blowing Rock resident died Tuesday morning as a result of injuries he sustained in an automobile accident Sunday.

Holley Cox was being transported from Blowing Rock Hospital to a Hickory hospital when he died, according to UPI Correspondent George Flowers.

Patrolman William B. Bishop investigated the two-car wreck which occurred about 6 p. m. March 8 on US 221 some three and one-tenth miles south of Blowing Rock.

Mr. Cox was alone in his car at the time of the wreck. Press-time reports indicated that Patricia K. Harris, 29, of Kannapolis was a passenger in the other car and suffered a broken arm in the accident.



MISS NANCY GREENE

Watauga High Senior Named On Task Force

A Watauga High School junior has been selected as a member of the Task Force, division of the Department of Public Instruction.

Miss Nancy Greene, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Perry Greene of Boone, was in Winston-Salem Saturday and Sunday for meet-

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Two File For School Board

Three more incumbents filed this week for county offices along with the filing of J. E. Holsouser for the State House of Representatives.

Hugh Hagaman and James E. Marsh filed for re-election to the Watauga County Board of Education and O. H. Foster filed for re-election as clerk of Superior Court.

Holsouser, who is chairman of the State Republican Party, had announced three weeks ago his intention of filing for another term.

Hagaman and Marsh are completing their first two-year terms on the school board since it was made an elective, non-partisan post.

Grover Robbins, Founder Of Area Tourist Complex, Dies

Grover Cleveland Robbins, Jr., of Blowing Rock, who parlayed a narrow gauge locomotive, some cars and an uncommon genius into a resort development complex which extends from the Beech Mountain to the Virgin Islands, died last Wednesday afternoon at his winter home in Miami, Fla.

Robbins had been hospitalized last fall with what he believed was a minor ailment. Examination revealed a terminal malignancy.

A memorial service was held Saturday at 2 o'clock at St. Mary of the Hills Episcopal Church, Blowing Rock.

A native of Blowing Rock, Robbins was founder, president and lately chairman of the board of Carolina Caribbean Corporation, which developed resort properties at Beech Mountain, Linville and St. Croix in the Vir-

gin Islands and which has planned two enormous residential developments in Mecklenburg County.

Mr. Robbins started his fabulous development career with Tweetsie Railroad near Blowing Rock, which gained national and international publicity. Hound Ears Golf and Ski resort, nearby followed before the far-flung Caribbean Corporation was established. He was one of the first to envision a successful winter sports program in this section. His establishments were not selfishly engineered. He thought that the greater the area development the greater would be the prosperity of the several resorts.

Robbins had been regarded by some as a man with a Midas touch and one who would someday lose his shirt. Of course, the record shows that Carolina Caribbean alone made almost two million dollars net in the past two years.

Mr. Robbins' father was Mayor and early promoter and developer in Blowing Rock. The elder Robbins was one of the State's leading Republicans and was on the ticket for State

Treasurer at the time of his death in 1956. His mother, the former Lena Miller was also reared in Blowing Rock and continues to maintain her home there.

Grover was allied to the Democratic party and was active in behalf of Hubert Humphrey's election bid in 1968, paying for advertisements in State newspapers in behalf of the Democratic candidate. He believed the Democrats had brought prosperity. In supporting Humphrey he said "It's because the opposition would turn back history 100 years. It can't be done."

He had no yen for public office, but had been appointed to the Board of Conservation and

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Citizens Plan To Improve Own Road

A group of citizens and homeowners in the Townsend Gap area on upper Clark's Creek met Sunday afternoon, March 8, at Holy Communion Lutheran Church and decided to form a nonprofit corporation for the purpose of making improvements in the Clark's Creek Road (SR 1135 in Watauga County).

The Rev. Larry D. Campbell, pastor of the church, presided at the organizational meeting at which 40 interested families were represented.

Residents of the area and members of the churches there have made efforts for many years to acquire a usable year-round road from N. C. 105 to the top of the mountain, less than one mile. Pastor Campbell and others presented dozens of letters, appeals, and ignored petitions dating back several years which have brought no results.

The new corporation, made up mostly of the native rural Wataugas expects to solicit funds and begin work on the road in the spring. Many low income and older residents have pledged labor, time and tools.

One man said after the meeting, "We don't want a highway or even pavement; we just want to get our kids and old folks in and out of here all year round. If the state can't take care of us taxpayers; we'll take care of ourselves."

Only Beech Slopes Open Tuesday

Beech Mountain was the only local ski resort open Tuesday morning as reported by the Chamber of Commerce ski reporting service.

All other slopes were closed, either temporarily or for the season.

Skiing conditions at Beech were reported fair to good with a 6-12 inch base. Temperature was 42 degrees.

Closed for the season after a final weekend of warming temperatures are Seven Devils, Appalachian Ski Mountain and Hound Ears.

Sugar Mountain will be closed for the season unless a major weather change occurs.



GROVER ROBBINS

Campaign Slated To Stop Rubella

An all out campaign to "Stop Rubella" (German Measles) is set for Sunday, March 22, from noon to 5 p. m. in Watauga County.

Announcement comes from Dr. William Derrick, chairman for the Boone Jaycees Rubella program.

This is a joint effort of the Watauga County Health Department with several civic organizations. Physicians hope to immunize every child in the county between the ages of 1 and 12. The

goal is to prevent an epidemic of German Measles as occurred in 1964-65, which caused thousands of infants to be born with eye defects, hearing defects, heart defects and mental retardation.

On the basis of past trends, the next epidemic of German Measles could come as early as spring of 1970. The disease tends to occur at epidemic levels every six to nine years, but why this is so is not known. Watauga County physicians

want to protect mothers in the early stages of pregnancy from the effects of a new epidemic. Parents can help by taking their children to one of the locations that will be set up for the administration of the new vaccine.

Ron Hester, publicity chairman for the Jaycees, stated that German Measles is mainly a disease of children. Grown women usually contract it from a child so the best way to stop the spread of the disease is to immunize all boys and girls. He said there

would be further announcements as to the location of the clinics.

Hester suggests that those wishing to volunteer their services on this day of mass immunization could call the Watauga County Health Department, 267-2126.

The elementary schools in which the vaccinations will be given March 22 are Appalachian, Blowing Rock, Cove Creek, Green Valley and Parkway.