



CAMPAIGN OPENS—Mrs. Mark Hodges presents John Robinson with a membership in the Watauga Association for Retarded Children in starting the association's annual membership drive. Mrs. Hodges is membership chairman, Robinson is honorary chairman, Watching is Ralph Yates, president of the association. (Staff photo)

Will Aid Retarded Children

The membership campaign for the Watauga Association for Retarded Children began Tuesday, March 10, and will continue through the month. Ralph Yates, president of the local chapter, said that Mrs. Mark Hodges of Boone will serve as membership chairman, John Robinson will be honorary

chairman.

Co-chairmen of the drive will be Mrs. Mable Bowman of Blowing Rock and Mrs. Robert Adams of Vilas.

Goal this year is 200 memberships from parents, professional people and interested friends of the retarded. Funds

from memberships are used to help provide programs for retarded children in the county. Yates said that additional information about the retarded and local programs available for them may be had by telephoning 267-2648 or writing the Watauga Association for Retarded Children, Box 523, Boone.

Filing Ends Friday Noon

Watauga May Not Have A Primary

Candidates were scarce this week as the noon Friday deadline neared for filing for county offices.

At noon Tuesday, there was only one candidate for each of the 10 spots up for election this year.

Late filers will have until 12

o'clock noon to put in their appearance at the board of elections office in the courthouse.

Filed were: O. H. Foster, seeking his third term as Clerk of Superior Court on the Republican ticket.

Turner Skorie, Republican candidate for the office of sheriff.

Perry Greene, Kenneth Wilcox and Gene Wilson, Republicans seeking re-election to their second two-year term on the board of county commissioners.

And, James Marsh, Hugh Hagaman, S. C. Eggers Sr., John Hollar and Edsel Cook,

all seeking re-election for two-year terms on the Watauga County Board of Education. This election is on a non-partisan basis.

In addition, State Rep. James Holschouer Jr. has filed with the local board for re-election to the district House seat.

Incumbent Sheriff Ward G. Carroll, a Democrat, had not filed as of noon Tuesday.

If no opposition appears by Friday, there will be no primary election in Watauga County on May 2.

There would be a primary in the school board election only if more than 10 candidates filed,

District School Board Meets In Newland 18th

The Annual Meeting of the District 15 School Boards Association will be held at Avery County High School in Newland, March 18, with registration beginning at 4 p. m. The theme for this year's gathering of school board members, district committeemen and school administrators is "Schools for the Seventies". School units included in the district are: Avery, Burke, Caldwell and Watauga Counties and Lenoir City units.

Following registration, the afternoon program will consist of workshops on "Occupational Education" led by Dr. Charles Law of the State Department of Public Instruction and "Human Relations - Involvement in the Schools" led by Mr. Robert Strother, Assistant to the State Superintendent.

Dr. Herbert Wey, President of Appalachian State University at Boone, will be the principal speaker for the evening session. His address will follow a banquet in the school cafeteria. These area conferences of

the North Carolina School Boards Association annually attract over 4,000 school board members, committeemen, educators and other interested persons. An attendance of approximately 200 is anticipated for the District 15 meeting. Mr. Scott Wiseman of the Avery County Board of Education is serving as President and Mr. W. R. Bracey, principal of Avery County High School, is Secretary. Mr. Harry McGee is Superintendent of Avery County Schools.

Sheriff To Be Paid \$300 Per Month For Car

A new arrangement for the Watauga County sheriff to be paid \$300 a month travel allowance was agreed on Monday night by county commissioners and Sheriff Ward G. Carroll.

The agreement came during a meeting of the sheriff and commissioners. At a previous meeting Carroll had told the board that the county's car was in such a condition that it was beyond economical repair. The board indicated that it was considering changing to the travel allowance plan.

No date was set for the change to become effective. But it is expected to depend on when Carroll gets his own car. The present sheriff's car will be sold.

Ski Report

Two area ski slopes were open Tuesday while a third slope held off closing for the season depending on weather conditions.

All slopes at Beech Mountain were open with an 18-30 inches of natural and manmade snow. Temperature was 28 degrees.

At Sugar Mountain, conditions on the beginners slope were

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Reward Offered For Motorbiker On Golf Course

A reward of \$100 is being offered by the Boone Golf Club for information leading to the arrest and conviction of persons responsible for damage resulting from motorbike operation on the golf course.

The responsible person or persons face charges of trespassing and willful damage to private property unless they desire to come forward and make restitution of said damage. The announcement was made by Joe Maples, pro of the club. Maples said the damage was done apparently during the weekend. The damage was most severe on No. 17 and 13 greens. He said the damage would be repaired in time not to delay opening of the golf course.

DeMolay Names New Officers

Charles Roy Williams, age 18, son of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Williams of Route 3, Box 259, Boone, was elected as Master Councilor of J. T. C. Wright chapter, Order of DeMolay, in ceremonies held recently at Snow Lodge 363 in Boone.

Charles is a freshman at Appalachian State University. He has been a member of J. T. C. Wright chapter for four years and has been awarded The Representative DeMolay Award, the highest award a DeMolay can earn. He will serve as head of the chapter for six months. Other officers elected were: Danny Robinson, Senior Councilor; and Jimmy Triplett, Junior Councilor.

The Order of DeMolay, a character-building organization for young men 14 to 21, was founded in 1919. Its 166,000 members in 11 countries around the world carry on programs of social activities, athletic competitions and civic projects. Hoyte Davis Sr. is advisor of J. T. C. Wright chapter.

Enumerators To Start Work First Of April

BY RACHEL RIVERS

If television says return your questionnaire, beware.

The Bureau of the Census will determine the national population, and assorted statistics about it, in two ways.

In high population density areas, census takers will wait for the United States mails to return the verdict. It is to these areas that a network television campaign is to be directed.

But Watauga is a "conventional" area, according to Frank Bateman. He is a regional technical (keeps things running smoothly) for the Charlotte office of the U. S. Bureau of the Census.

In late March, the Post Office will deliver a census questionnaire to every residence it knows about. April 1 will be census day and the 18 "census enumerators" assigned to Watauga County will begin a job Bateman believes will be finished "probably in the first two weeks."

They will pick up the forms from householders who received them in the mail and have them already filled out. Bateman stresses, do not mail your questionnaire back to the Bureau of the Census.

If you have not received one in the mail, the census enumerators will bring one to you. If you are not at home when they arrive, they will return.

Preliminary counts will be announced on an unofficial basis around the end of April. Populations by county and for towns of 10,000 and more will then be known.

"Hopefully by the end of this year, the final counts will be available," Bateman says.

THREE FORMS

The Bureau of the Census is issuing three forms in its 1970 program.

Everyone gets the standard form. It asks "What is the name of each person who was living here on Wednesday, April 1, 1970, or who was staying or visiting here and had no other home?"

Also, how is each person related to the head of this household? His sex, color or race, birthdate, marital status? On page three of this form, the government seeks housing information. Do you have a telephone, kitchen, hot and cold water, flush toilet, bathtub or shower, basement? How many rooms? Are you owner or renter, are you one family or more? Is any of your property used for business?

What is the value of the property? Or, what is the monthly rent?

Bateman says it takes 15 minutes to fill out the regular form. It takes 30 to 45 minutes to complete the triangle form, which is submitted to every fifth householder, or the circle form, which is submitted to every 20th house the census worker visits.

They request information they want only on the basis of every 5th or 20th interview, Bateman says simply.

The triangle and circle forms are set up to register the answers with white dots which become magnetic impulses on a piece of tape—"the name does not enter into it"—and the material is fed to a computer.

All census information is confidential, he says.

Bateman guesses the average district office will handle about four tons of paper in carrying out the head-count next month. "It may take the enumerator up to two weeks to get around," Bateman reiterated.

But the thing he stresses most is not to put the questionnaire back in the mail, no matter what TV advises.

Don't Mail Your Forms!

Watauga Residents To Get Census Papers Soon



WATAUGA ELEMENTARY STUDENTS HEAR THE SYMPHONY—every third through eighth grade student in Watauga County's public schools was treated to a special children's concert by the North Carolina Symphony in Appalachian State's Varsity Gymnasium Friday afternoon.

The crowd was estimated at "more than 2,000" by Mrs. Otis Strother, president of the Junior Woman's Club who teamed with ASU's Artists and Lecture Series to sponsor the event. —Story inside.

Registrars And Judges Named For May 2 Primary In Watauga

Registrars and judges for the May 2 primary election in Watauga County and the state were announced this week by Dayton Winebarger, chairman of the Watauga County Board of Elections.

Winebarger said that registration of new voters will begin on Saturday, April 4, in the respective precincts. Registration

books will be open from 9 a. m. to 6:30 p. m. that day and on Saturday, April 11, and Saturday, April 18. Challenge day will be Saturday, April 25, from 9 a. m. to 3 p. m.

Precincts, registrars and judges (Democratic and Republican), respectively follow:

Bald Mountain—John Ragan, Fred Holman and Leslie Nor-

ris; Beaver Dam—Tracy Bentley, Linville Norris and Ray Stout; Blowing Rock—Daniel Klutz, Boyd Cook and Randall Foster; Blue Ridge—R. C. Greene, M. O. Coffey and George Keller; Boone No. 1—Jewell Mast, James Stanley and Joe Houser; Boone No. 2—Ruth McConnell, Vilas Moretz and Phil Smith Jr.

Brushy Fork—Tom Brooks, Eddie P. Norris and Hobert Watson; Cove Creek—Tommy Tester, Don H. Perry and Bruce Wallace; Elk—Jacquelin Dunn, Helen Triplett and V. C. Cox; Laurel Creek—Ben Tester, Bower Phillips and Sid Harmon; Meat Camp No. 1—Joe Burkett, Jim Hodges and William C. Byers; Meat Camp No. 2—Ron Ragan, Odell Culler and Walter Tester, New River No. 1—Tom Council, Coaker Triplett and Paul Miller, New River No. 2—Becky Barnes, Bart Norris and Marvin B. Miller.

North Fork—W. C. South, Daisy Laing and Edgar Eller; Shawneehaw—Ed Chapell Willie Rupard and Henry Michael; Stony Fork—Bill Moretz, Eddie Stewart and J. C. Greene, and Watauga—Archie Hodges, Frank Taylor and Johnny Townsend.

'Copter Service Is Being Promoted Here

BY RACHEL RIVERS

The whirly-birds are coming to the skies of Avery and Watauga counties.

They were to arrive Tuesday for a demonstration to county leaders who may be interested in supporting the Helicopter Air

Service, a proposed non-profit corporation of which Bob Bingham is acting chairman.

Bingham says several were invited to eye and ride the Alouett No. 3, a Chanc-Balt machine with room for a pilot and six passengers. The regional salesman and presi-

dent of Chanc-Balt were to arrive here from Dallas, Tex., perhaps to remain until today.

Bingham has organized a skeleton committee: Gwyn Hayes, president of the Boone Chamber of Commerce; Stan Harris, past C of C president, and C. P. A.; and Sam Mortimer of the Avery Chamber of Commerce. He was in touch with Blowing Rock officials Monday.

Bingham envisions a "broad-based, community effort" in launching a local helicopter service, which would not be tax-subsidized. The idea is two or three months old, he says, and indicated he is "still working on transportation in general for the area."

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Mass Vaccination On Rubella Sunday

This spring could signal the first bout of an epidemic of German measles in the United States.

This Sunday between noon and 5 p. m., vaccination stations will be set up in five county elementary schools: Appalachian, Blowing Rock, Cove Creek, Green Valley and Parkway. Physicians hope to immunize all county children ages 1 through 12 against the dread "Rubella."

Normally mild in its effects on the children, this form of measles easily transmits to expecting women. In the 1964-65 epidemic, more than 50,000 unborn babies were miscarried, stillborn, or malformed by defects directly resulting from Rubella.

The local effort was announced last week by Doctor William Derrick, chairman for the Boone Jaycees Rubella program. Other civic organizations are joining the Jaycees and the Watauga County Health Department in alerting parents to the importance of the vaccination program and the necessity of getting their children immunized this Sunday.

Leaders of the program point out that the vaccine is given without charge to the parent or child.

Schools Will Get 2 Days Off At Easter Time

Watauga County public schools will get two Easter holidays, Friday, March 27, and Monday, March 30.

School Superintendent Dr. Swanson Richards said the two dates are definite, regardless of the number of additional school days that may be missed due to weather.

Presently the school system is short only one day due to weather. Three days have been made up by Saturday classes.

He said that after weather hazards are passed, the school board will make a decision about how to handle the one day.

If it is made up, students will have their last day on Friday, May 29. Otherwise, students will get out on Monday, June 1.

Bloodmobile Coming Apr. 15

The Red Cross Bloodmobile is coming to Boone Wednesday April 15.

The place will be announced at a later date.

Two hundred pints are needed to meet our quota.