

## Mail Volume Down In Boone Due To Strike

President Nixon's rebuttal Monday against striking Post Office workers may dissuade the tieup of mail at other stations of the federal P. O. Department.

After the President's announcement that the military would be sent in to New York to carry out "essential" mail services, the leader of Chicago's postal workers called for a return to work.

The effects of the strike were not confined to that region, however. At the Boone Post Office that same day, Postmaster Beshears noted that the volume of local mail had decreased by 25 per cent and said public caution was the cause.

But the strike "has not affected the delivery of mail here at this office," he added.

At least one Boone business, Wilcox Drug Company, is feeling the effects of the walkout in New York.

Butch Wilcox and his brother, Kenneth, returned Feb. 28 from a two-week business trip that took them to Italy, Germany, Holland, Belgium, France and England.

Butch says the company ships its American botanical line to European customers via steamer. But correspondence has slackened off since the New York strike began.

Founded in 1900, Wilcox Drug Company has offices at 123 W. Howard St.

## Letters Ask Aid Easter Seal Program

The Watauga unit of the Northwest Easter Seal Society sent out 5,720 letters two weeks ago seeking financial support for its program to aid crippled children and adults.

Local chairman is the Rev. Gray Temple and Dr. Jim Greene is treasurer.

Part of the donations are spent by the Health Department to assist crippled children and adults and to send crippled children to camp.

Also, \$200 has been pledged to defray the expense of giving the Rubella, or German Measles, vaccine to children ages 1-12 in Watauga.

The Northwest Society encompasses Watauga and 12 other counties and has its headquarters in Winston-Salem. Residents are urged to mail in their contributions as early as possible. Collections will be taken up in downtown Boone Saturday.

Persons who have not received a letter and would like to contribute may send check or money orders to Dr. Greene in care of Carolina Pharmacy, East King Street, Boone.

Contributions should be made out to the order of "Northwest Easter Seal Society."

## School Children To Get Heart Tests

Using a machine called the Phono-Cardio-Scan, layman volunteers will begin a two-year program in January to check about 13,000 school children in the four-county area for heart murmurs.

A training program for local volunteers will begin at 10 Tuesday morning, March 31, at the First Baptist Church in Boone.

The first screening project will be conducted at Appalachian Elementary School April 1 through May 22. In this period, a total of 14 days will be needed to screen the 916 pupils enrolled there.

Cost-free, the tests will be made for children grades 1-12 and only with parental permission (Issues of Nov. 13 and Feb. 19). The test for abnormalities in the heart beat is painlessly made within two and a half minutes.

The project for Watauga, Avery, Mitchell and Yancey counties is sponsored by the N. C. Heart Association and seeks to discover defects which can be referred for treatment before serious heart damage occurs.

Their entries were sponsored by the Watauga Unit of NCEA



Miss Nancy Faye Stacy—chosen first runner-up in the Jaycees Miss Watauga pageant last November. The popular brunette was chosen Miss Congeniality by the other contestants. (Flowers photo)

## Nancy Faye Stacy New Miss Watauga

Miss Ollie Jackson, Miss Watauga County of 1970, has been succeeded by Miss Nancy Faye Stacy, first runner-up and Miss Congeniality in the pageant held in November.

Miss Jackson relinquished the title last week after announcing her marriage, and Miss Stacy agreed to fulfill her unexpired reign. The Boone Jaycees, sponsors of the annual beauty pageant, released the information at their Monday night meeting.

Miss Stacy is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Starr N. Stacy, 309 Cherry Dr., Boone, and has nine years training in piano.

She is beginning preparations for her appearance in the Miss North Carolina Pageant to be held in July in Raleigh where her talent entry will be Beethoven's Sonata Pathetique.

A statuesque five feet eight inches tall, Nancy has dark brown hair and eyes. A physics major at Appalachian, she is active in the university's Verucian Society. Nancy also studied flute three years and bassoon four years and baton three years.

Miss Watauga of 1969, Miss Sharon Lineau, married last fall and was succeeded by Miss Kris Anderson who crowned the 1970 queen at the November pageant.



W. KENNETH ANDERSON

## Newland Man Named By Scott To Budget Board

RALEIGH—The appointment of William Kenneth Anderson of Newland as a member of the Advisory Budget Commission was announced Friday by Gov. Bob Scott.

Anderson, a real estate broker, will succeed the late Frank Forsyth on the agency which has the task of overseeing state spending and of preparing the state's budget for presentation to the General Assembly. He will serve at the pleasure of the governor.

Anderson is a former teacher, principal and superintendent of schools in Avery County.

## Democrats To Gather Tonight

A rally of Watauga County Democrats will be held tonight (Thursday) in the courthouse at 7:30. Rufus Edmisten, U. S. Sen. Sam Ervin's aide, will be the guest speaker.

Candidates who have filed for election will be present along with other office holders. The rally is sponsored by the Watauga County Young Democratic Club.

and compiled by Dr. W. G. Anderson, principal of Appalachian Elementary and president of the unit.

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## Road Official To Check Again On Clark's Creek

State Highway Commissioner Robert Barr is planning another check on Clark's Creek Road to see if the state can take over its maintenance.

Barr, of West Jefferson, said Monday that "We want to be absolutely fair and be sure nothing is overlooked for those folks."

Barr said it probably will be next week before he can visit the road again and talk with leaders of a proposed non-profit corporation who want the road taken over by the State Highway Commission and improved.

The Rev. Larry D. Campbell, pastor of the Holy Communion Lutheran Church and president of the Townsend Gap Improvement Group, said he looks forward to Barr's visit and will discuss with him a number of points that he believes have not been considered in previous appraisals by the State.

The citizens' efforts to seek improvement of the road go back to the administrations of Governors Dan Moore and Terry Sanford. Highway Commissions then also declined to take on the Clark's Creek Road (SR 1136).

Mr. Campbell said the church plans to use part of its 16.5 acres for a family campground if the road into the area is improved and maintained. Also on the site is a cemetery maintained by the church but open to the public.

Clark's Creek Road runs westward from Foscoe off of NC 105. The church is located at the top of the mountain, less than one mile from Foscoe.

In explaining the present highway commission's action on the road, Barr cited four standards that must be met before a county road will be added to the state's Secondary Road System:

1. Property owners must dedicate, free of charge, to the Highway Commission a 60-foot right of way, if such right of way is physically available. In some cases . . . such right of way may not be available be-

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## Broyhill To Be In County

Congressman James T. Broyhill, Tenth District of North Carolina, announced from his Washington Office today that he will be holding office hours Friday, March 27, in Watauga County at the following places:

8:30 - 9:15 a. m., Deep Gap (Hodges Drive-In)

10 - 11 a. m., Sugar Grove Post Office

1 - 3 p. m., County Court House, Boone

3:30 - 4:30 p. m., Blowing Rock Post Office

Congressman Broyhill stated that he would welcome the opportunity to talk with any citizens concerning legislative issues being considered by the Congress or personal matters involving the Federal government, and hoped that anyone with these problems would stop by to see him at one of these visits.

## 26 File For Local Offices

# Watauga Voters To Take Part In 3 Primary Races

## County Board Posts Attract 12 Candidates

Three primary races are assured for the Saturday, May 2, primary in Watauga County following the passing of the filing deadline at noon Friday, March 20.

A total of 26 candidates filed for the 11 county seats open for the Nov. 3 General Election.

In addition, three local candidates filed for the two district legislative seats. And no incumbent found himself without opposition, at least for the General Election.

Five Democrats paid their \$10 filing fee for the three-man board of county commissioners; Hayden Pitts of Blowing Rock, Jack E. Williams of Boone, George Smitherman of Route 1, Boone, William E. Greene of Route 1, Deep Gap, and J. D. Shoemaker of Boone.

Among the Republican contenders were the three incumbents, Chairman Perry Greene, Kenneth Wilcox and Gene Wilson, all of Boone; and James M. Cole of Route 4, Boone, David Bingham of Route 1, Sugar Grove, Robert K. Moore of Route 1, Vilas and B. K. Dorsey of Boone.

Sheriff Ward G. Carroll of Route 1, Boone, seeking re-election, is without Democratic opposition. But three Republicans will face one another in the primary to decide which one will clash with Carroll in the fall election; Turner Storie of Boone, Howard H. Polidexter of Route 4, Boone, and Ralph Hayes of Triplett.

Democrat G. C. Norris of Route 2, Boone, filed at deadline time to oppose incumbent Republican O. H. Foster of Route 1, Vilas, for Clerk of Superior Court.

Incumbent Rep. James E. Holshouser Jr., of Boone also got last-minute local Democratic opposition from Boone realtor M. Ranny Phillips.

And from Avery County, Holshouser picked up Republican opposition when Hall Young filed. The two will meet in the May 2 primary for the 44th District seat which includes Watauga, Avery and Mitchell counties.

Only one candidate filed locally in Watauga's senatorial district seat, Republican Murray Coffey of Route 1, Blowing Rock, is seeking election in the 25th district composed of Watauga, Wilkes Yadin and Davie counties. A second GOP candidate, former Rep. Donald R. Bingham of Davie, also filed to assure a primary.

All five members of the Watauga County Board of Education are seeking re-election; John Hollar, James March, Edsel Cook, Hugh Hagaman and S. C. Eggers Sr. Also filing for the non-partisan election were John H. Williams of Boone, Joe W. Hartley of Route 4 and Eddie P. Norris of Vilas.

There will be no primary election for the Board of Education since fewer than 10 candidates filed. The election will be decided on Nov. 3 with election going to the top five men.

In the county's only constable race, R. Howard Coffey of Blowing Rock filed for re-election.



OUCH! Whosoever travels US 321 (the Blowing Rock Road) finally comes upon this scene, taken near the highway's intersection with N. C. 105. The litter is household waste, everything from toothpaste cartons to broken glass. (Staff photo)

## BSU Student Choir Goes Today On Tour Of Nation's Capital

"Spirit of the 70's" a 72-voice student choir sponsored by the Baptist Student Union at Appalachian State University, will leave Thursday, March 26, for a three-day tour of the Nation's Capital.

They will present a one-hour folk musical entitled, "Tell It Like It Is," which attempts to communicate to other young people their belief in a personal God who reveals himself in the world through Christ.

The musical was written by Ralph Carmichael and Kurt Kiser,

who have written and arranged music for several Billy Graham movies. It speaks to today's youth in their own musical idiom—drums, tambourines, electric guitars and a dynamic rock beat.

The group will be sponsored in the Washington Area by Bethany Baptist Church. On Good Friday they will give a 2 p. m. concert in the rotunda of the Cannon House Office Building, arranged for by Rep. James Broyhill. That evening they will present the musical at Bethany

Baptist Church, Saturday night at a Presbyterian Church in Baltimore, Md., and Sunday morning an anthem at Bethany Baptist Church. Free time will be devoted to sightseeing in and around Washington.

"Spirit of the 70's" is unique in that it is student directed and all its trips are student planned and organized. The only adult helping with the details and planning is Hank Greer, chaplain, who will go with them.

Director of the group is Art (Continued on page two)

# Democrat, Radio WATA Get School Bell Honors

The Watauga Democrat and Radio Station WATA last week were presented two of the 14 School Bell Awards-1970 which were awarded by the North Carolina Education Association.

At the NCEA general session held in the Charlotte Coliseum

last Thursday night, the station was represented by Miss Jane Smith, manager, and Bob White, news director. Accepting for the newspaper staff were Armfield Coffey and Rachel Rivers Coffey, editor.

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Award and Roy A. Edwards accepted his first for Radio WNCA.

The bronze bells, divided among newspapers and radio and television stations, were given by Mrs. Katherine Horton, chairman of the NCEA Public Relations Committee.

An awards dinner was held in

the El Cid room of the Coliseum Downtown. Presiding was Lloyd Isaacs, assistant executive secretary for NCEA Information services.

A native of Watauga, he was accompanied by his wife, Lee, daughter of Mrs. C. B. Angel of Boone.

Dr. A. C. Dawson, NCEA's

executive secretary, commented briefly, "Grateful we are for the coverage that you give to education in North Carolina."

"Doc" Amos Abrams was lauded after the dinner for "40 years' speaking out", was given a bronze bell and later at the Coliseum was presented a 1970

LTD. Accompanied to the function by his wife, Doc Abrams is retiring from NCEA this year. They are seasonal residents of Watauga.

It was announced that the association is planning to send the winning entries as exhibits of journalistic achievement to

each of the state's educational districts.

Some 5,000 educators were expected to be at the Friday meeting. Crowds at the Thursday functions reached an estimated total of 4,000.

The bells are annually presented for exceptional coverage (Continued on page two)