

BOONE WEATHER

1970 Hi	Lo	Prec.	Snow	Hi	Lo
Mar. 31	59	.03		61	31
Apr. 1	52	.40		61	25
Apr. 2	59	.33	.84	63	49
Apr. 3	53	.28	.63	73	49
Apr. 4	61	.30			49
Apr. 5	56	.30			68
Apr. 6	51	.34	.05		56

Dr. Wey To Be Inaugurated ASU President April 24

Appalachian State University will inaugurate Dr. Herbert Walter Wey, the institution's fourth president, on April 24 with a day-long program of activities including an address by Gov. Bob Scott.

Representatives of colleges and universities from throughout the Southeast, state officials and other friends of the institution will begin the ceremonies at 9 a. m. with a registra-

tion of delegates in the Varsity Gymnasium.

Open house for the delegates will be held at the W. H. Flemmons Student Center until 11:30.

After the open house, the university's students will host a Delegates' Inaugural Luncheon in the west wing of the ASU Cafeteria. Attending this event with the delegates will be state officials and invited representatives from the faculty,

non-academic staff and student body.

Appalachian students will serve the luncheon and provide the program.

The public is invited to the inauguration ceremony at 2 p. m. in Varsity Gymnasium with a formal academic procession. It will include student marshals, delegates from other institutions, the university trustees and the platform party.

The program itself will include Dr. Paul Sanders speaking for the faculty, Ava Creech for the students, Mark Davis of Hickory for the alumni, Dr. Hugh Daniel of Waynesville for the trustees and James Marsh speaking for the local community.

The Rev. Edwin F. Troutman, who formerly served as Dr. Wey's pastor at Grace Lutheran Church in Boone, will deliver

the invocation.

John P. Frank, chairman of the Board of Trustees, will preside over the event and will introduce Gov. Scott who will deliver the main address and assist in the investiture. President Wey's response will follow.

Special music for the occasion will be provided by the University Singers under the direction of Dr. Joseph Logan.

They will be accompanied by Dr. Max Smith at the organ.

The university faculty then will host a reception for everyone in the Flemmons Center.

Bob Allen, director of public affairs at the university, is chairman of the Central Inaugural Committee. Other members include Earleen G. Fritchett, Paul Sanders, Bob Snead, Ned Trivette, Kenneth Webb and Cratis Williams and Mrs. R. C.

Rivers represents the Board of Trustees on the committee.

John Welborn heads the food services committee for the luncheon and reception, and Gary Morgan is heading the traffic committee for the inauguration.

Dean Kenneth Webb has charge of arrangements for the luncheon and professor Rogers Whitener has responsibility for the reception.



Studying upcoming construction projects are John H. Hollar, chairman of the Watauga Board of Education; members S. C. Eggers Sr., and James Marsh; Swanson Richards, Superintendent of Schools; Fred Butler Jr., architect; and member Hugh Hagaman. The men are listed left to right. The board's fifth member, Edsel Cook, was not present for the picture. (Staff photo)

School Board To Let Building Contracts

Contracts are expected to be awarded Monday night, April 13, for three county school additions totaling more than \$200,000.

The Watauga County Board of Education will make its decision known then on who will build multi-purpose rooms at Bethel and Mabel schools and a new library and toilet facilities at Parkway School.

Low bids, with alternates,

are expected to come within the \$210,000 the board has allocated for the project. Prior to the school bond election last November, the board had allocated \$60,000 each for the multi-purpose buildings and \$90,000 for the Parkway project.

Low bids submitted last week to the board totalled \$206,739, with alternates of \$24,087.

The electrical contract is being rebid by the board since only two bids were received as its meeting on Tuesday, March 31. State law requires that at least three bids be received for the initial advertising.

The combined low bid for the general contract for all three projects totalled \$168,925. The low bidder, Wilkie Construction Company, included alternates totalled \$22,307.

Winkler Plumbing and Heating Company of Boone was low bidder for the plumbing project at Parkway with a bid of \$10,220, with an alternate of \$680.

Winkler also was low bidder for heating at Mabel and Parkway with bids of \$8,620 and \$9,980, respectively, for each school. The low heating bidder for Bethel was Tomlinson Plumbing and Heating, Incorporated, with a bid of \$8,994 and an alternate of \$894. Winkler's alternate at Mabel was \$620.



DR. KEENER SMATHERS

Dr. Smathers Will Address Women Voters

Dr. Keener Smathers, assistant professor of education at Appalachian State University, will address the League of Women Voters of Watauga County and their guests at 12:30 p. m., April 15, at Holiday Inn.

A long time conservationist, Dr. Smathers is founder of People for the Land and serves as National Executive Secretary. Headquarters for the organization is in Boone and several projects are now in the planning stage.

The public is cordially invited to attend and hear Dr. Smathers speak on over-population and the "New Land Ethic." Advance reservations for the Wednesday meeting may be made by calling 264-8930.

In each case the base bid included the alternate bids which would be eliminated at the board's choosing.

The \$680 alternate on the Parkway plumbing bid called for internal roof drains.

Alternates on the general contracts are for stone trim on the roofs of the new structures, and equipment.

In re-advertising the electrical contract, the board called for bids to be submitted at 7 p. m., Monday, April 13, at



JOHN A. MAST

Mast May Win Teacher Award

John A. Mast, assistant professor of English at Middle Tennessee State University in Murfreesboro, has been selected as one of the finalists for the Outstanding Teacher Award for 1969-70.

The 17 finalists for this award were chosen by votes of the students, the faculty and the alumni of MTSU.

Three winners will be announced in May and each will be presented \$1,000 honorariums and recognition as distinguished teachers by the MTSU Foundation.

Mast, whose parents Mr. and Mrs. V. B. Mast live at Sugar Grove, is a graduate of Cove Creek High School and Appalachian State University.

A graduate of North Carolina State University, Gene was selected as winner of the IRC/TRW Science Scholarship Award at Appalachian High School nine years ago.

For three summers, he worked as an engineering trainee for IRC/TRW and was hired in 1966 as associate product engineer. His present title is product engineer.

With his wife Beulah and three children, Gene resides at Route 3, Boone.

Bloodmobile To Be Here On Wednesday

The Red Cross Bloodmobile will be in Boone next Wednesday, April 15, at the Boone United Methodist Church. Hours will be 11 a. m. until 4:30 p. m.

"It takes only a little of your time to give that pint," says Mrs. Goldie Fletcher, executive secretary of the Watauga chapter, American Red Cross.

"Because the citizens of Watauga County donate blood throughout the entire year at frequent intervals at the Red Cross Bloodmobiles, the hos-

pitals have the blood available for emergencies. Are you one of these donors?

"If not, there is a chance you or a member of your family can be. The benefits are great. The treatment that demands blood transfusions seems to be frequent in our hospitals," she says.

She encourages everyone to keep this in mind and mark April 15 on their calendars as the date of the Bloodmobile visit, the time to "give the gift of life for someone who needs it."

Collectors To Take Bigger Bite

Watauga Federal Taxes Will Reach \$4,545,000

Woman Is Held After Shooting Last Saturday

A woman is being held without bond in Caldwell County Jail following a shooting at her summer cabin in the Mead Camp section of Watauga County.

Sheriff Ward G. Carroll says Robert Bill Ellison of Route 2, Boone, was shot about midnight Saturday, April 4, at the cabin home of Mrs. Ruby Crump of Lenoir. Ellison, who is 23, was reported in critical condition in a Winston-Salem hospital Monday.

After an initial investigation conducted by Carroll, Deputies Hicks and Winkler and Charlie Whitman of the SBI, the Sheriff said he arrested Mrs. Crump on a charge of assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill.

The warrant was sworn out by Deputy Johnny Hicks.

Pending an improvement in Ellison's condition, she is being held without bond.

The Sheriff said Benny Nelson of Lenoir and Harold Profit, who lives near the cabin on Long Hope Road, reported they were present when Ellison was shot. They brought the man to the Watauga County Hospital in Boone, he added.

A .22-calibre revolver was believed used, but the gun has not been found.

The suspect is being held in Caldwell County since the Watauga Jail does not have a women's division.

From Boone, Ellison was transported to Winston-Salem.



This is a scene on the road which the Rev. Larry Campbell and the Townsend Gap Improvement Group seek to upgrade.



The Clark's Creek Road winds around a curve in front of the stone church. (Armfield Coffey photos)

Says Disputed Road To Church Meets No State Requirement

BY ARMFIELD COFFEY

The Clark's Creek Road links the communities of Valle Crucis and Foscoe.

The Holy Communion Lutheran Church which is located on the ridge between the two communities is accessible from Valle Crucis on the section of Clark's Creek Road that is maintained by the state.

But the nine-tenths of a mile of road from Foscoe on the top of the ridge, which is three-tenths of a mile from the church, is the road at issue. It is not maintained by the state.

For the time being it looks as if it won't be.

According to G. F. Mast, District Highway Engineer, the disputed road does not meet any of the state requirements for improvement. It has no houses and does not serve as a bus or mail route.

Furthermore he pointed out that the estimated cost of bringing the road up to the state's two-

lane requirements would be from \$50,000 to \$75,000.

The total maintenance and improvement budget for Watauga this year is \$230,000.

The pastor of the Holy Communion Lutheran Church, the Rev. Larry Campbell says that for several years he has been trying to get the route from

Foscoe to the church improved.

Last month the Townsend Gap Development Group was organized to raise up to \$15,000 to finance the improvement of this road on their own; State YDC President Robert Bingham pledged \$100 in cash and his support of the group's aim.

Mast said last week that he and State Highway Commission Robert Barr had paid a visit to Mr. Campbell but no arrangements were made at that time for another meeting.

Also last week the controversy arose at Gov. Bob Scott's news conference in Raleigh. When the Governor was asked if the road was to be paved, he answered "As far as I know, yes . . ."

It is not clear whether the Governor was referring to the disputed portion of the road or to the section of Clark's Creek Road from the Taylor farm at Valle Crucis to the intersection at the Seventh Day Adventist

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Helicopter Service Proposal Continuing

Of a proposed helicopter service for Watauga and Avery counties, Robert Bingham says "We're going ahead and incorporate a non-profit corporation."

In session last week, the original committee of Gwyn Hayes, Stan Harris Jr., and Sam Mortimer converted Bingham's title from acting chairman to president.

The corporation will be known as Helicopter Service, Inc., according to Bingham, who added that pledges totaling \$10,000 have been made already.

"We have decided to investigate means of financing the project," Bingham said. The service would operate between the two counties; as a shuttle to and from area airports. And he added that it would be a valuable transportation link for Appalachian students and officials.

Hayes, Harris and Mortimer are vice-presidents of the organization and Dr. Herbert Wey, president of ASU, was elected chairman of the board, Bingham added.

High Level Of Employment Is One Cause Rise

Watauga County taxpayers who are getting ready for the April 15th confrontation with Uncle Sam are becoming sharply aware of the size of the Federal tax bite.

Several factors have combined to make it bigger than ever. They are the high level of employment that existed in the past year, the increase in average earnings per family and the 10 per cent surtax, which was in effect during all of 1969.

As a result, the returns are expected to be quite a bit larger than those turned in last April 15th, when personal income taxes from the local area were close to \$4,545,000.

That was the approximate total, according to a breakdown of payments from the State of North Carolina as a whole. The statewide collection amounted to \$1,166,000,000, the Treasury Department reports.

Thus, tax payments by Watauga County residents constituted 0.31 per cent of the personal income tax receipts throughout the state.

Just how much of an increase is being counted on this year is indicated in the new budget. Nationally, it calls for \$92.2 billion in personal taxes, or nearly \$5 billion more than last year.

Because of the economic gains chalked up in the area during the past year, notwithstanding the general slowdown in the rate of growth, local residents will be bearing their full share of this increase.

Their payments to Washington are expected to total approximately \$4,818,000, or about \$273,000 more than they were last year.

Although the war in Vietnam and the needs on the home front present the country with staggering bills, many of which will have to go unmet or drastically reduced, the Administration lists as its probable revenue from personal income taxes in the next fiscal year only \$91 billion.

This represents a cut of \$1.2 (Continued on page two)

Driver Training Class Starts Monday

The final adult driver training class will start at 7 Monday night, April 13, at Watauga High School.

Classes will be held two nights weekly until 30 hours have been taught. Six hours under the wheel will be required for all students. A fee of \$16 per person is charged and the course is open to anyone 18 years of age or older.

For further information call 264-2407 days or 264-8047 nights.