

Planning Agency Seeks Tri-County Jail

The AWWASYA Law Enforcement Planning Agency has submitted a project to the Committee on Law and Order requesting \$218,460.00 to be used for the construction of a Tri-County Jail.

Plans call for the building of a \$345,000.00 jail to be used by the counties of Watauga, Ashe and Avery. The jail calls for twenty-three cells providing security cells for men, security cells for women, isolation cells, and cells for first offenders.

The total cost of the project is \$426,600.00. Included in this cost is the salary for a jailer and a deputy jailer, a prisoner transportation

vehicle with communications, and the architectural and engineer fees.

The project calls for the jail to be centrally located with the location to be decided upon by the county commissioners of these counties.

It is proposed that the present county jails be used as holding facilities. This means that the Sheriff will be able to temporarily lock a suspect in his holding facility until the jailer can come for the suspect and transport the suspect to the regional jail. On court days, the jailer would bring the suspect or prisoner back to the holding facility. This process will eliminate the many problems caused by the

necessity of having the Sheriff spend too much of his time transporting prisoners.

Mr. Jackson, Director of the Planning Agency, emphasizes the savings of approximately \$350,000.00 to the tax payers of Watauga, Ashe, and Avery Counties.

The cost to Avery County will be \$37,872.00 or 9.8% of the total. The cost to Ashe County will be \$67,012.00 or 14% of the total cost. Watauga County, having the largest population, will have a share of \$73,256.00 or 15% of the total cost.

Mr. Jackson points out that Avery County

does not have a jail as their jail has been condemned by the State. Watauga and Ashe Counties both need new jails. A county jail for any one of the counties will cost from three to six times the amount for each county. "It is difficult to believe that the tax payers would like to pay the extra money for the distinction of having their own personal jail," Mr. Jackson said.

The county commissioners of Alleghany County have expressed an interest in this project.

Should Alleghany County become members of the regional jail, the cost to all counties will be further reduced.



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After The Rain, The Sun

Rising fog dragged its feet above the sun-spotted mountains last week. The first overlook on the Lenoir mountain below Blowing Rock was shrouded by the leaves of spiraling locust saplings.

This scene was photographed by a staff photographer from the highway right-of-way beyond the overlook.

All-Time High Goal

United Fund Budget \$26,500

Only Two Request Trimmed

The budget committee of the Watauga County United Fund has confirmed an all-time-high goal of \$26,500 for the 1970 campaign.

All but two agencies were granted the amount of their request, the exceptions being the Boy Scouts who will get \$4,200 rather than the \$4,500 they sought and the Red Cross, which was granted \$6,500 rather than \$6,770.

The Carolinas United Fund will get \$2,000, but the committee entered a stipulation that Carolinas United receive "up to \$468.84"—which was the amount it was docked—from funds received after the goal has been reached.

The Boone Parks & Recreation Commission, which was represented by director Jim Hastings, will get \$3,500.

The 4-H Council, whose request was entered by Mrs. Doris Storie, is down for \$371 and the Girl Scouts, who asked for \$2,108, will receive the same. The Scouts were represented by Mrs. Ben Bosworth and Miss Mary Driggers.

The emergency relief fund chaired by Cecil Miller is to receive \$500 with \$1,620 going to the Watauga County Rescue Squad. The squad's request was made by Milton Moretz.

Mrs. Doris Storie stood in for Roy Isley in asking \$200 for the Agricultural Workers Council.

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Did somebody say "horse show"?

400 Horses Signed For 47th Exhibition

Over four-hundred horses from all over the United States are expected to be shown in the 47th Annual Blowing Rock Charity Horse Show, Thursday, July 30th through Sunday, August 2.

Mrs. Frances Hyatt, Director of the Show, told the Rocket that entries will again remain open until show time on Thursday.

The new \$15,000 building has been completed and workmen are beginning another permanent structure to house 25 stalls. The new building will house offices and some 42 stalls.

A new working area for the saddle division has also been completed and will be a great asset to this years show.

Over \$10,000 in prize money, hundreds of trophies and ribbons are to be awarded in the four day event which highlights the summer season in Blowing Rock.

Long recognized as the southeast's top sports and social event, the Blowing Rock

Show will attract entries from states all over the country. Social festivities are held all during "Horse Show Week" with dinner dances, a horse show breakfast, the traditional horse show ball, and hundreds

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Stolen Car Is Recovered

A 1964 white Ford, which was stolen July 10 from Jerry Martin, manager of the "57 Club" in Tusculum, Ala., was recovered July 14 by the Watauga County Sheriff's Department.

A subject, Jesse Woodall of Tusculum, was apprehended by officers at the entrance to the Gold Medal Show carnival then playing just off US 321 outside Boone's city limits.

Woodall, according to the department's report, had parked the car and had walked

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Candidates To Be Named For Farm Committeemen

North Carolina farmers will soon have the opportunity to nominate by petition candidates for ASC community committee posts.

The nominating period will begin July 28 and close Aug. 17. A full slate means a minimum of six candidates to choose from in electing a community committee of three members

and two alternates according to M. L. Shepherd, chairman of the Watauga ASC County Committee.

All ASC community committees are elected annually. The newly-elected community committeemen will convene shortly after their September election to elect one new ASC County Committee member

and two alternates. County Committee members serve three-year terms, with one new member elected each year. Alternates are elected annually.

Shepherd explained that the County ASC Committee administers agricultural programs such as marketing quotas and acreage allotments, price-support loans and purchases, ACP, and other farm action programs at the county level, dealing directly with producers.

Community committees not only elect County Committee members and alternates, but also help the County Committee administer these programs.

There is no red tape tied up in nominating a community committee candidate by petition. All that is really needed is a sheet of paper naming a candidate—and six or more signatures by eligible voters on that paper.

Petitions are limited to one nominee each, but voters may sign as many petitions as they want. A farmer who is an owner, tenant or sharecropper is an eligible voter in the community where his farm interest is. He can only nominate and vote in one community, though, even if he

has farm interests in more than one.

Shepherd pointed out that if at least six eligible candidates are nominated by petitions submitted by farmers in their community, no other nominations need be made. However, if fewer than six are nominated by petition, the incumbent community committee will complete the slate, selecting candidates actively engaged in farming.

Broyhill Coming To County Friday

Congressman James T. Broyhill today announced plans to hold a new series of office hours in sixty-nine communities in the 10th Congressional District during the month of August. The North Carolina Congressman will travel through the eight counties of the district in a mobile Congressional office according to a prearranged schedule for stops in shopping centers, town squares, and other centers of neighborhood activity.

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MISS RUBY AKERS

Miss Akers Is Given State School Post

Dr. Craig Phillips, State Superintendent of Education, and the State Board of Education have appointed Miss Ruby Akers, associate professor of English at Appalachian State University, as a member of the newly-formed Advisory Council in the Division of Languages.

Dr. Jerome H. Melton stated in the letter of appointment to Miss Akers, "This recognition by the State Board of Education and your State Superintendent . . . is an honor achieved through your belief in and support of public education.

"Likewise, it is a unique opportunity to become in-

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Baptist Association To Have 130th Session

The Three Forks Baptist Association will meet in its 130th Annual Session Tuesday, Aug. 4, with Three Forks Church and Wednesday, Aug. 5, with Oak Grove Church.

A record attendance from 46 churches is expected to hear and act upon reports, discussions, and matters of business brought by persons from these churches who were designated at the last Session to do so.

The Baptist State Convention will have representatives present and those attending will be privileged to hear Dr. W. R. Wagoner, superintendent of Baptist Children's Homes, Tuesday afternoon; Dr. Perry Crouch, general secretary of the Baptist State Convention, Wednesday morning; and Dr. Ralph Scales, president of Wake Forest University, Wednesday afternoon. Others will also be present and recognized.

The worship services will be led by Fritz D. Hemphill, pastor of Oak Grove; Lynn Powers, pastor of Three Forks; and J. Boyce Brooks, pastor of First Baptist in Boone.

The session will close Wednesday afternoon with a memorial service led by Dr. J. C. Canipe, remembering those who have passed away since the last meeting.