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BOONE WEATHER				
1966	Hi	Lo	Snow	Prec.
July 12	80	66		
July 13	78	63	.58	79 62
July 14	87	66	.64	81 69
July 15	75	63	.52	75 65
July 16	74	61		80 65
July 17	72	60		80 56
July 18	81	64		80 57

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Dr. W. H. Plemmons, right, chats with Sen. Tom White of Lenoir County during visit of State Advisory Budget Commission to the campus of ASTC at Boone.

## \$15,000,000 Program Underway Appalachian Is Seeking \$10 Million For Building

### Budget Group Visits Campus Last Wednesday

Requests for capital improvements totalling \$10,366,000 for the 1967-69 biennium were submitted to the State Advisory Budget Commission on its visit to the campus of Appalachian State Teachers College last Wednesday.

Largest request submitted was one for \$2,640,000 with which to construct an addition to the present Rankin Science Building.

Two other requests were for more than \$1 million. The college proposes to construct a classroom building for business, economics and the social sciences which would cost \$1,672,000. Another request was for a sum of \$3,600,000 with which to construct dormitories for 1,200 men and women. The college presently is completing three dormitories for women and one for men under a self-liquidating plan and the sum requested for the next biennium would be used in the same manner.

The college presently has a building program totalling more than \$15,000,000 under way with projects either in various stages of construction or on the planning board. Several of the projects, such as a Student Center and four dormitories, are being financed either in a self-liquidating manner or through participating student fees.

Dr. W. H. Plemmons, president, made Appalachian's presentation of requests to the commission. Sen. Thomas White of Lenoir County is chairman of the commission.

Other members of the commission are Edward O'Herron of Charlotte, A. A. Zollicoffer of Vance County, Joe C. Eagles of Maconfield, Sen. W. Frank Forsyth of Cherokee and Clarence Leatherman of Lincoln.

Others accompanying the commission on the visit which is part of a four-week tour of the state were Ed Rankin, director of administration for the state; Robert Gatlin, assistant in the department of administration; Andrew Jones, budget officer; Frank Turner, state property officer; Robert Borne, property engineer, and Eston Brickhouse, state purchasing officer. The college's board of trustees also attended the meeting.

Appalachian, with a full-time enrollment of 3,686 for the 1965-66 year, is projecting an enrollment of 4,500 for the 1967-68 year and 5,000 full-time students for 1968-69.

The requests were broken down as follows:

Addition to Rankin Science Building, total of 96,000 square (Continued on page 1, Sec. B)



Among Chamber of Commerce officers installed Tuesday of last week (left to right), are Richard Atkinson, treasurer; Stanley Harris, Jr., president; Mrs. Constance Stallings, secretary; and Col. Clyde Miller, who has been elected president emeritus. (Staff photo).

## Fewer Watauga Farms, Smaller Income Shown

A total of 1,569 farms was counted in Watauga County during the 1964 Census of Agriculture, the U. S. Department of Commerce's Bureau of the Census reports.

In the last previous Census of Agriculture (1959), the total counted in the county was 1,940 farms. The 1964 total is published in a preliminary report on the county just issued. The report also shows that average farm size in the county was 64.1 acres and that the average value of the county's farms (land and buildings) in 1964 was \$13,498.

Other important county statistics in the report are:

—Value of all farm products sold by farms in the county in 1964, \$2,988,661; in 1959, \$3,309,397.

—Value of all crops sold by county farms in 1964, \$1,288,588; in 1959, \$1,508,367.

—Value of all livestock and livestock products sold by county farms in 1964, \$1,708,373; in 1959, \$1,801,030.

A Census of Agriculture is taken every five years in years ending in "4" and "9" to gather information on the nation's agricultural resources and production. The data are needed to make decisions affecting many (Continued on page 2, Sec. B)



GEORGE P. HAGAMAN

### Former Boone Banker Dies After Stroke

George Preston Hagaman, 83 years old, member of a prominent Watauga County family and retired Boone banker, died at Watauga Hospital Sunday. He had suffered a stroke of paralysis ten days ago.

Mr. Hagaman was born in the Forest Grove section, Beaver Dam township, September 18, 1883, a son of Jacob Greene Hagaman and Helen Elizabeth Hayes Hagaman.

He served as cashier of the Watauga County Bank from 1907 until its merger with the Northwestern Bank system in 1938. He was connected with the Northwestern Bank as an official until his retirement in December 1952.

He was educated in the county schools and at Appala- (Continued on page 3, Sec. B)



R. DALE MORETZ, JR.

### Dale Moretz To Attend Yale

R. Dale Moretz Jr., has been awarded a National Defense Foreign Language Scholarship to Yale University. The summer language institute began June 27 and will continue until Aug. 19. Concentrated into eight weeks is one full year of Chinese. (Continued on page 1, Sec. B)

## Northwestern Has Record Growth

Edwin Duncan, president of The Northwestern Bank, at a meeting of the Directors of The Northwestern Bank held today (Wednesday) at Hound Ears, reported on the condition of the Bank on June 20, 1966.

Resources of the Bank increased from \$239,000,000 on June 30, 1965 to \$300,000,000 June 30, 1966. This is an increase of 25 per cent. Deposits during this same period of time increased from \$203,000,000 to \$259,000,000, an increase of \$56,000,000 or 27 per cent since June 30, 1965. Loans increased \$45,000,000.

All of these totals are the highest in the history of The Northwestern Bank. The operating profit after income taxes for the first six months of the year was \$1,543,508.32 or \$1.34

per share. This additional profit reflects the increased business volume of The Northwestern Bank, Mr. Duncan said.

Wives of the directors and senior officers were invited to Hound Ears for the day.

While the directors met, the ladies visited points of interest (Continued on page 3, Sec. B)

## \$100,000 Mental Health Center Being Sought

In Watauga, Alleghany and Ashe counties, an estimated 25 per cent of persons being treated for mental illness are children, and another 10 per cent are teenagers. And, says Dr. Brooke R. Johnson, administrator of the New River Mental Health Center, more youngsters should be receiving treatment.

A planning program for a comprehensive community mental health center will begin at 8 p. m., Friday, July 22, in Luncheon Hall on the ASTC campus. "The whole intent of the proposed program," the psychologist said, "is to treat the majority (of those requiring treatment) in their own com-

munities, rather than in Broughton Hospital or another state institution."

On hand for the Watauga County meeting Friday will be the County Commissioners and Glenn Andrews, Clyde Greene and J. E. Holsouser Jr., who comprise the local advisory board. Dr. Johnson says "Be-

fore we start construction, we have to have a program to build around . . ." and the Friday evening session will give interested individuals an opportunity to contribute ideas at the planning stage.

Money If a \$100,000 structure were to be built in Watauga County,

only \$15,000 would have to be collected locally.

Dr. Johnson: "In our area, we're eligible for 85 per cent of the construction funds from Federal and State sources to build a comprehensive mental health center." The New River Mental Health Center is now applying for such funds.

"We have been trying for quite some time — in Ashe, Alleghany and Watauga — to develop a plan of treatment for emotionally disturbed people in the area . . . that will not only treat patients now, but, in so far as possible, will prevent recurrency." (Continued on page 2, Sec. B)

the fact that they—and most other farmers—have turned out to be pretty good businessmen, after all.

It will be the 50th Anniversary of the Farm Loan Act which put farming on a business basis in the U. S. for the first time in history. Farmers at last were able to borrow money on reasonable terms and put it to work as a production tool. John H. Hollar, manager of the Federal Land Bank Association of Boone, said that farmers at the turn of the century were regarded as about the poorest business risks imaginable. "No one would lend them money to operate the way a (Continued on page 2, Sec. B)

## New Officers Are Installed By Boone Chamber Of Commerce

### Democrat Gets National Notice

The Watauga Democrat was one of 200 of the nation's newspapers to receive an award at the annual convention of the National Newspaper Association in Boston, Mass., Saturday night.

There were 2,806 contestants, and the Democrat was one of six winners in North Carolina. Winning entries were displayed at the Boston convention.

Other winning North Carolina newspapers are the Chapel Hill Weekly, Spindale Sun, Sanford Herald, Waynesville Mountaineer and the Newton Observer-News-Enterprise.

## Fred Michael Is Tax Supervisor



FRED MICHAEL

Effective July 1, Frederick Michael of Route 1, Banner Elk, succeeded Ralph G. Greene in the position of Tax Supervisor of Watauga County. Michael said Greene, who had been supervisor for one and a half years, retired from public service.

Michael was Greene's assistant, having started his work at the Courthouse in October, 1965. Prior to that time, he was self-employed.

He is married to the former Faith Townsend of Valle Crucis and they have three children, Marsha, 10; Lee, 6; and Rebecca, one and a half. (Continued on page 1, Sec. B)

At Chamber of Commerce officer - installation ceremonies last week, Col. Clyde Miller stepped down from the presidency and passed the gavel to Stanley Harris Jr.

Mayor Wade E. Brown conducted the installation, recognizing each officer and director during the program meeting. His comments were followed by a brief talk by Clyde R. Greene, chairman of the executive committee, who, on behalf of the Chamber, presented the retiring president a gift.

Col. Miller not only has been elected president emeritus of the organization, but has been asked to serve as chairman of the Roads Committee. His presentation to the Highway Commission in Asheville last month was a well-studied report on the needs of the area, and the Board of Directors asked him to continue his work on the project.

New President Stanley A. Harris Jr., a native Wataugan, was elected president by the Board of Directors at the June meeting. He is married to the former

Sarah Baynes of Winston-Salem. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Baynes of Port Charlotte, Fla. Harris is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Stanley A. Harris Sr., Boone.

A graduate of Cove Creek High School, Harris received his B. S. degree from ASTC. He holds his M. B. A. degree from New York University. He also received his C. P. A. certificate from the State of New York. He is currently a professor of accounting at ASTC and a practicing accountant in Boone.

Fred McNeal, manager of the Boone Chamber of Commerce, stated: "Mr. Harris is eminently qualified for the position of president, and we are looking forward to a year of unparalleled accomplishments in the Chamber of Commerce.

"We need the whole-hearted support of every member if we are to achieve what we must in 1966-67. There is much to be done, but working together, there is no doubt that the Chamber will accomplish its objectives." (Continued on page 1, Sec. B)

## Land Bank Loans Farmers 12 Billion

For some 3,500 people who make their living from agriculture in Alleghany, Ashe, Avery, Caldwell, Mitchell, Watauga and Wilkes counties, July will be a month-long testimony to

the fact that they—and most other farmers—have turned out to be pretty good businessmen, after all.

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