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Sept. 24	63	42	
Sept. 25	68	41	
Sept. 26	65	42	

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BALMY DAYS ON CAMPUS—A trip to the library, casual talk among friends, plans to attend the football game—all part of the camaraderie among students of Appalachian State Teachers College. The handsome campus, a mixture of aristocratic

old buildings and stately modern ones is especially beautiful in autumn, striking under winter snows; refreshing in spring; and lush in summer. Several dedications of new campus facilities will be made this year. (Staff photo)

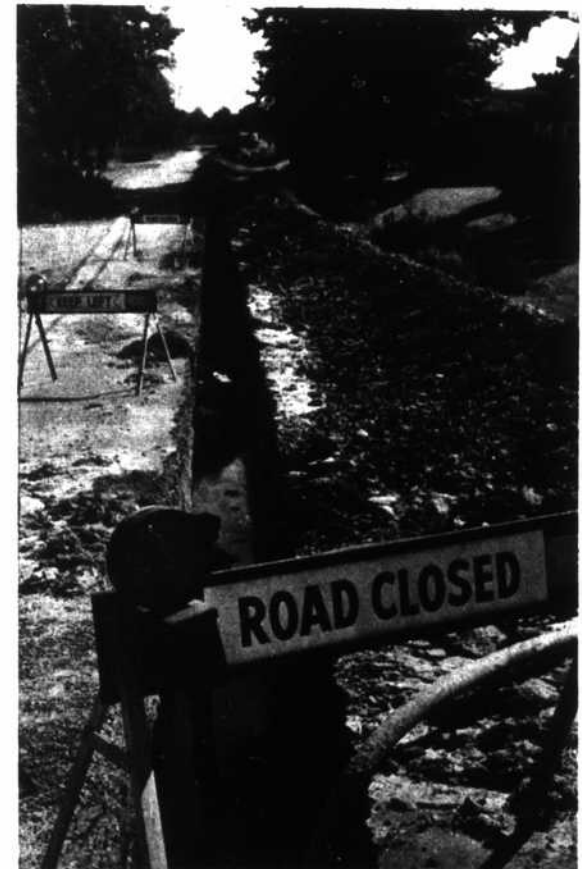
Quality, Not Quantity Is Vital Interest At ASTC, Says Plemmons

Dr. W. H. Plemmons, president of Appalachian State Teachers College, stressed the importance of interest in quality rather than quantity as he addressed the student body at the college's fall convocation last Wednesday.

"We are not necessarily interested in size," Dr. Plemmons stated. "But size is being forced upon us," he said in reference to Appalachian's record enrollment which numbers in excess of 4,100. "We are more interested in quality, and we won't admit cheapness," he continued. "We have a service to render at Appalachian, and to do this we have the best faculty staff available and the best curriculum yet devised."

In answer to a question about ASTC's possible future desire to become a university, Dr. Plemmons said that "if other universities are to be created, Appalachian will make its bid."

The president told the students that plans are being made to soon expand the list of degrees offered in the college's multi-purpose education system. Dr. Plemmons stated that a mammoth construction program currently underway on the ASTC campus will elevate the value of the institution's properties to \$82 million. Requests for capital improvements in the near future should increase the worth by another \$12 million, he said.



Sewer Project Underway
Contracts pertaining to installation of new sewer lines in the Town of Boone call for completion of the project in approximately 18 months. Mayor Wade E. Brown says contractors are all here and construction started Tuesday of last week. This line on Blowing Rock Road eventually will connect with the County's new hospital, which is expected to be in operation sometime before the first of the year. Brown says plans are to lay most of the sewer lines before cold weather. The old lines will intercept the new ones at various intervals. Work on a new sewer plant—which will be located on New River near Highway 421 East—will be started this fall, but most of the work will be done next spring. The plant will serve the newly annexed community of Perkinsville.

The students were urged by Dr. Plemmons to develop a "spirit of proper attitude, friendliness and cooperation." Several trustees of the college attended the convocation. Among those introduced to the student body were John P. Frank of Mount Airy, E. G. Lackey of Winston-Salem, William B. Rankin of Lincolnton and Luther P. Martin, Jr., of Mocksville.

Dr. Kenneth Webb, dean of student affairs, advised the students to address themselves to the "real" problems of each course of study, to learn skills creativeness. He cautioned the students against joining in the wave of protests which have recently spread across many of the nation's college and university campuses. "There are revolts against old ideas and practices, and the persons protesting blame their actions on such things as their neurotic tendencies,"

First Homecoming At WHS October 15

The first homecoming at Watauga High School has been set for Saturday, Oct. 15. The 232 graduates of the 1966 class have been invited by the Student Council to attend homecoming events. Watauga High School students will elect a Homecoming Queen from the senior class and an attendant from each of the four classes. The queen and her court will

presented at the football game on Saturday evening. The Watauga High Pioneers will meet Taylorsville High School on the college field at 8 p. m. After the football game, the 1966 alumni and high school students will attend the Homecoming Dance. Homecoming is being sponsored by the Watauga High School Student Council.

"Anything Is Possible" Dare To Be Different, Teachers Admonished

2,200 Gather At Annual Meet District NCEA

Dr. A. C. Dawson, Executive Secretary of the North Carolina Education Association, advised his hearers to "dare to be different" as 2,200 teachers and school administrators gathered in Boone Friday for the 44th annual North-western District Convention of the NCEA.

"If," said Dr. Dawson, "we have high, apple-pie-in-the-sky hopes, just about anything is possible in education."

"Knowledge Explosion"
The "knowledge explosion," he said, is the most dramatic change in the world today, with the store of accumulated knowledge in 1700 doubling by 1900, doubling again by 1950 and again by 1965. Predictions are, he said, that "today's vast store of knowledge will double again by 1974 . . . The question is no longer what to teach, but what not to teach. A modern course of study can be the difference between a dynamic educational system and a dead one."

Coffey Speaks
Representatives of several special schools and educational projects described the work of their organizations.

Barney Coffey, representing the N. C. Advancement School at Winston-Salem, said follow-up studies indicate that about 70 per cent of the students who attend the school are more highly motivated and have better attitudes toward learning when they return to their home schools.

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Top Officials Of NCEA

Officers, fr. are Mrs. Helen Gardner of Mt. Airy, vice-president of the Northwestern District; Mrs. Ernestine Starnes of Raleigh, State president; Mrs. Christina Christian of White Plains, past District president; and Mrs. Mary High, District president. The united teaching profession symbol displayed on the wall

typifies the forward thrust of education through a united profession. It combines the ancient Greek word for education and an arrow that indicates new direction for the future. The Boone Merchants Association distributed welcome signs throughout town prior to the meeting. (Staff photo)

Nursery School Is To Be Named For Miss Lucy Brock

The Lucy Brock Nursery School, named in honor of a retired chairman of the Department of Home Economics at Appalachian State Teachers College, will be dedicated Sunday afternoon.

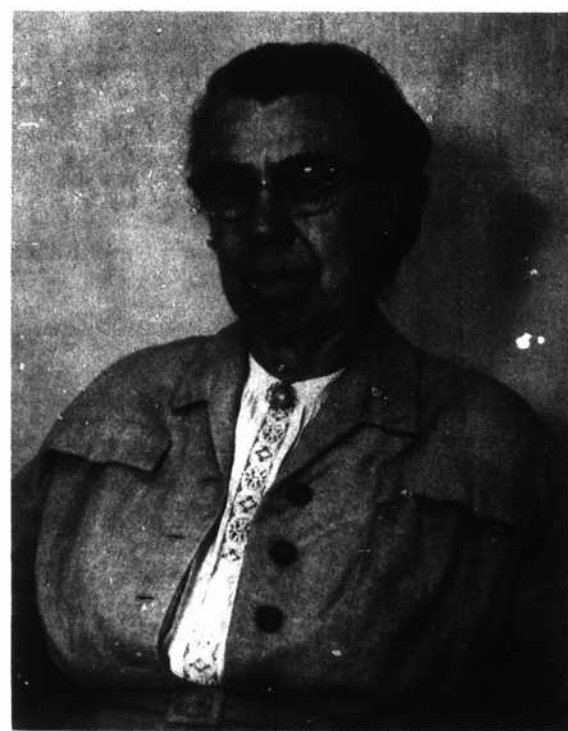
Dr. Catherine Dennis of Raleigh, state supervisor of Home Economics education, will deliver the dedication address. The ceremonies are scheduled for 2 p. m. in the auditorium of I. G. Greer Music Hall.

The Nursery School building, which was erected at a cost of \$72,000 from state appropriations, was opened last fall. Mrs. Juanita Egerton directs the school's operations and is aided by a staff of five student assistants, a nurse and a cook.

The primary function of the school is to serve as a laboratory for Home Economics students who are taking child development courses.

Miss Brock, a native of Tennessee, was born in 1895. She received the B. S., A. B.

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MISS LUCY BROCK

Court Term In Progress

Watauga Superior Court convened Monday for the trial of criminal cases, and Hon. Hugh B. Campbell of Charlotte is the presiding Judge.

The rather heavy docket, composed largely of traffic violations, produced a good many submissions where misdemeanors were concerned.

The Democrat will carry the complete proceedings of the court in its next edition.



I. T. VALENTINE

Democratic State Chmn. Rally Speaker

A Watauga County Democratic rally will be held Friday, Sept. 30, at 6:30 p. m. at Watauga High School.

Hon. I. T. Valentine, Jr., chairman of the North Carolina Democratic Executive Committee, will be the featured speaker, and James A. Dugger, chairman of the Watauga County Democratic Executive Committee, will preside.

Tickets are available at Democratic Headquarters in the old Hillside Dairy building opposite the Bus Station. Call headquarters, 264-9114, if tickets are needed.

All Democrats are urged to attend this important meeting.

United Fund Kickoff Breakfast Next Tuesday

Solicitors for the Watauga Chapter United Fund will meet at 7 a. m. Tuesday, Oct. 4, for a kickoff breakfast at the Gateway Restaurant.

Campaign Chairman Wade Wilmouth says folders and pledge cards will be distributed and plans finalized for the area appeal to bring money to the County's 24 agencies participating in this year's campaign.

Wilmouth says the campaign committee is planning to complete the campaign next week and a victory luncheon has been scheduled for the following Monday, Oct. 10.

Last year's goal was \$17,000. Wilmouth says the upcoming campaign will seek a total of \$16,000.

Plans Being Made For Annual Farm-City Meet

Representatives from the Boone Chamber of Commerce and the Agricultural Workers Council and the County Council of Community Development Clubs met at the Watauga Savings and Loan Association Friday night to make plans for the annual Farm-city Week Dinner.

Committees were appointed to work on detailed matters of the annual event to be held in November:

Program Committee: Clyde Greene, chairman; L. E. Tuck-

willer, Jerry Adams, Mrs. Howard Dancy, Mrs. R. G. Shipley, Stanley Harris, Jr., Wade Moretz and Donald Dunlap.

Publicity Committee: Rachel Rivers, Miss Jane Smith and (Continued on page two)