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Seven members of Appalachian's new Board of Visitors met in the office of Dr. W. H. Plemmons, president of the college, for the organization's inaugural meeting last Friday. Six persons who have accepted membership on the original board were unable to attend the first meeting. Standing (l-r) are John M.

Ehle of Winston-Salem, J. E. Collette of Winston-Salem and Lewis Jenkins of North Wilkesboro. Seated in same order are Dr. L. H. Hollingsworth of Winston-Salem, Dr. T. Edgar Sikes of Greensboro, Mrs. Harry B. Caldwell of Greensboro and Mrs. Paul Broyhill of Lenoir.

## ASTC Board Of Visitors Has Session With Trustees

The initial meeting of Appalachian State Teachers College's first Board of Visitors was staged in conjunction with a gathering of the institution's Board of Trustees last Friday. Seven members of the original 13-member board attended the organizational session in

the office of Dr. W. H. Plemmons, president of the college. William J. Conrad, chairman of the Board of Trustees, and Dr. Plemmons advised the new board members of the goals which are expected to be achieved through the founding of the Board of Visitors.

tend the opening meeting were:

Dr. L. H. Hollingsworth, chaplain at Wake Forest College in Winston-Salem; Mrs. Harry B. Caldwell of Greensboro, master of the N. C. State Grange; Dr. T. Edgar Sikes of Greensboro, a pioneer in oral surgery; J. E. Collette, president of Security Life and Trust Co., of Winston-Salem; Mrs. Paul Broyhill, an ASTC alumna who is a former Miss North Carolina; and John M. Ehle, Jr., of Winston-Salem, an author and former member of the faculty of the University of North Carolina.

Each of the new Board of Visitors members praised the recent accomplishments of the college in its physical growth and in the steady improve-

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## Warm Clothing Is Sought For Needy Children

One boxful of clothing will have to go a long way.

Or else citizens of Watauga County can answer the plea of the Junior Woman's Club of Boone to donate clothing for hundreds of school children.

A spokesman for the club stated that teachers reported to the principal of a single county elementary school that 300 children in attendance would not have clothing warm enough to see them through the winter. The club also is collecting shoes.

All sizes of clothing will be needed, from infant's sizes up. But the emphasis is on clothing for school-age children.

Clothes and shoes can be left at the Fellowship Hall of the Boone Methodist Church. If donors are unable to take the clothing there, they may ask Mrs. Johnny Barnett (264-8593), Mrs. John Gilliam (264-2737) or Mrs. Joe Miller (264-2348) to go by their homes for the clothing gifts.

That one boxful just won't be enough.

## Saturday Is Last Day To Register To Vote

The Watauga County Board of Elections announces that Saturday, Oct. 29, is the last day that registration books will be open before the General Election to be held Tuesday, Nov. 8, 1966, and that Saturday, Nov. 5 has been designated as Challenge Day.

All applications for civilian absentee ballots, except in cases of unexpected illness, must be made by 6 p. m. Wednesday, Nov. 2, with Monday, Nov. 7, at 10 a. m. being the latest time for filing application for civilian absentee ballots for unexpected illness in-

curring after 6 p. m. on Nov. 2.

Civilian absentee ballots must be received by the Board of Elections by noon on Saturday, Nov. 5, with the exception of ballots from voters who may incur some unexpected illness after 6 p. m. on Wednesday, Nov. 2, and in the case of persons who do incur some unexpected illness after that date, their ballots must reach the Chairman of the County Board of Elections by 3 p. m. on election day.

## Bingham Proposes Research Center

Two related proposals for the Ninth District were unveiled by Robert Bingham, Democratic Congressional candidate, last weekend at a fund-raising dinner in Concord.

Bingham proposed a research and development program, based in the tri-county area of Rowan, Cabarrus and Stanly, which he said would utilize "a vast reservoir of brainpower and know-how that can and should be harnessed for the fuller development of the area and its people."

He also pledged that if elected he will open and maintain a Congressional office centrally located in the Ninth District and staffed with professionals "versed in the know-

how of helping individuals and their problems and county and city governments and their needs."

Bingham said the tri-county research and development program would unite scientists, engineers, business leaders, farmers and other representatives of the agricultural community for the betterment of the area and ultimately for the benefit of the District and State.

The non-profit corporation, he suggested, could assist chambers of commerce and industrial development groups seeking to attract new industry, could bring in skilled labor and stimulate a training program for the unskilled labor supply.



Fireman Phil Vance adjusts the gauges on the fire truck as an engineer looks on. By pumping a known quantity of water into the city's sys-

tem, officials were able to discount the theory that an air lock might be the sole trouble. (Staff photo)

# Municipal Mystery Mastered Massive Leak Conveys Water To Hidden Creek

## Service Is Restored To City Monday

BY RACHEL RIVERS

David Austin crawled into a culvert and returned a short while later to announce a six-inch main was broken and water was gushing into a storm drainage pipe.

The leak was found, and suddenly the men who had worked on Boone's water crisis for 10 days were smiling.

"It couldn't have been in a more difficult place," Mayor Brown said Tuesday, for the leak was 10 feet under the pavement on West King Street, and was draining the city water supply near a rushing creek. It was for this reason, presumably, that the leak-finder failed to sense the break.

### Fire Truck

Friday night, the Fire Department's new truck was put to work.

Two hydrants were installed on the main line near the watershed. Water was pulled from the hydrant nearest the reservoir, pumped through the truck at greater velocity and returned to the hydrant closest town.

For example, water pulled out of the reservoir at 60 pounds pressure was returned to the line by the truck pump at 100 pounds pressure, for an increased pressure of 40 pounds. This technique was designed to force out any air locks in the lines, and if air locks were the only problem, it was hoped the pump idea would fill the water mains and terminate the water crisis.

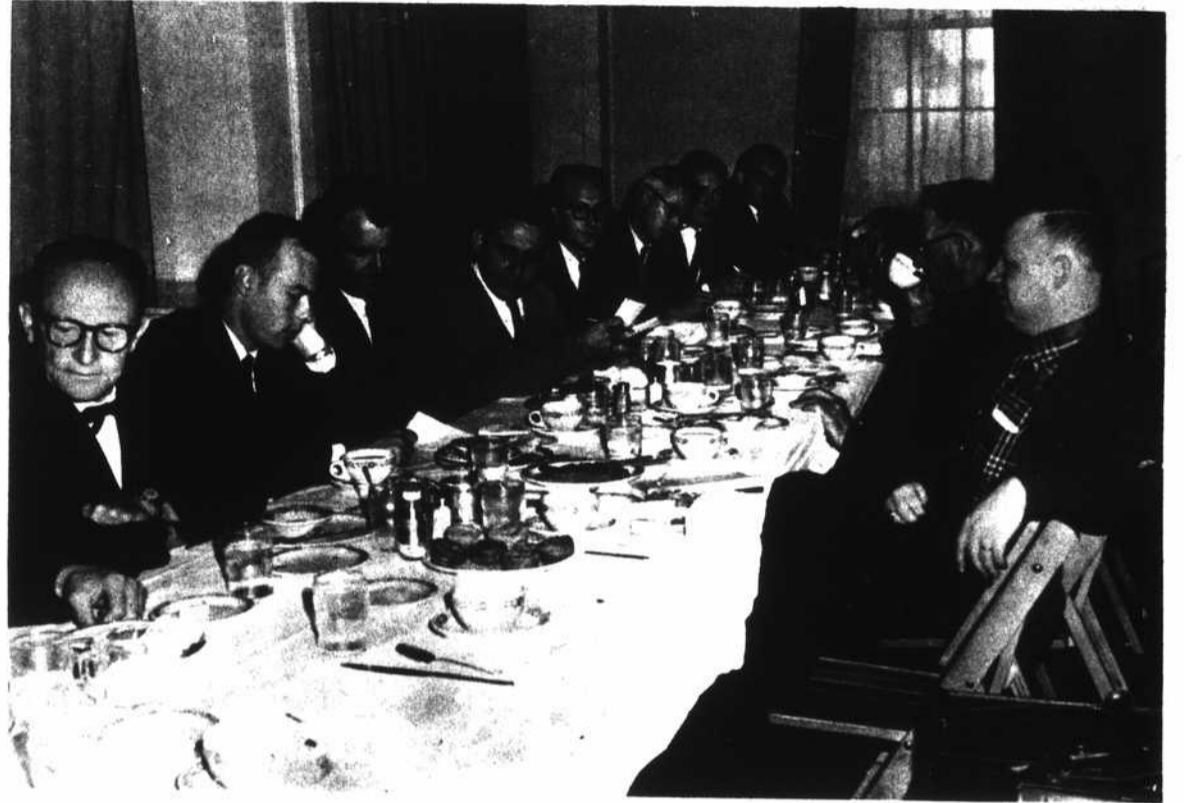
Through short-wave radio contact, firemen and engineers determined that the pressure consequently increased in some parts of town. Firemen and civilians worked with the truck on four-hour shifts throughout Friday night and Saturday night.

Saturday night, Mayor Brown observed that the fire truck was pumping a good supply of water into the system, but from 1 to 4 a. m. Sunday, "the level of the tanks could not be stabilized."

Sunday night, the water that should have been rising in the tanks—was not. The Mayor said he appealed to the public to conserve all the water possible, while the work continued.

That night workmen cut off the water in Boone, section by

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United Fund Goes Over The Top

Sixteen days after the Watauga Chapter began its United Fund campaign here, pledges and cash were turned in for a total of \$16,831.48. At a luncheon meeting Wednesday of last week, Fund president Wade Wilmoth and campaign chairman Stanley Harris Sr. confirmed the financial status of the 1966-67 drive. The funds in excess of the \$16,000 goal will be banked, according to Harris, and probably will be carried over to the

1967-68 campaign. Among United Fund workers to attend the wrap-up meeting (l-r) were Alfred Adams, Mark Hodges, Randy Phillips, Wade Wilmoth, Jerry Moretz, John Robinson, Barney Hampton and Steve Mains. Seated at right is Dennis Greene, a past president of the Watauga Chapter. Beside Greene is Harris. (Staff photo)

## New Courthouse Design Is Not Final, Says Official

Mr. S. B. Greene, Chairman of the Watauga County Board of Commissioners, tells the Democrat that he and his board are anxious to construct the sort of courthouse the folks want, in the event the proposal is approved at the general election.

Mr. Greene's prepared statement says: "It has come to the attention of the Board of Commissioners of Watauga County that there is some complaint with reference to the architectural design of the proposed new courthouse. This is to advise that the architectural design is not final and is subject to change or alteration within the limit of funds available. It is, of course, the desire of your County Commissioners, if the bond issue passes, to construct the type of courthouse that will be in keeping with the wishes of the majority of the citizens of Watauga County and any constructive suggestions with reference thereto in any manner will be appreciated."

## Headquarters Opened By GOP

Republican Headquarters are open one block from King Street at 115 W. Howard St.

Mrs. Lura Greene, vice-chairman of the Watauga County Republican Party, is in charge of headquarters.

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## Bloodmobile To Visit ASTC Next Monday

Officials of the Watauga County Red Cross Chapter are hoping for a large increase in the number of blood donors when the American Red Cross Bloodmobile visits the Appalachian State Teachers College campus Monday, Oct. 31.

The mobile unit is to be stationed at East Hall from 11 a. m. until 4:30 p. m., according to Mrs. Goldie Fletcher, executive secretary of the county chapter.

An average of 125 pints of blood will be needed for each of the Bloodmobile's four visits to Boone over the next year if the county's quota of 500 pints is to be reached.

Chapter officials are hopeful that 200 pints will be donated next week to make up for a current deficiency of 72 pints.

## Chances For Debate In Congress Race Are Dim

Democratic congressional candidate Robert Bingham has accused Rep. James T. Broyhill of attempting to dodge a proposed public debate on the campaign issues in the Ninth District.

Bingham issued a statement last week after receiving Broyhill's reply to a debate challenge, saying "the congressman seems to be doing some slipping, sliding and ducking on the question of a public debate — and it took him a week to do that."

In his letter to Bingham, Broyhill noted that Congress was still in session and that he has not had much time for campaigning.

"It has been necessary to postpone a number of commitments which I shall be obliged to keep once Congress adjourns," Broyhill wrote. "After

final adjournment, I will then have opportunity to review my campaign schedule, and to explore the possibility of a joint appearance," he said.

Bingham's campaign staff interpreted the letter to mean "maybe, but I doubt it" concerning the proposed debate and Bingham sharply took issue with the Broyhill answer.

"We have a heavy schedule of campaign commitments, too," Bingham said, "but we think a debate important enough to do some shifting around to make room for it. What's he afraid of?" Bingham continued. "Could it be that our wealthy congressman is afraid a public debate might tarnish his purchased public relations image?"

Bingham issued the challenge to Broyhill Oct. 7. The Congressman's reply was dated

Oct. 13.

The Congressman wrote Bingham again on Oct. 20. The text of the letter follows:

"I have read with interest the comments attributed to you in the press during the past several days concerning a joint appearance to discuss issues in the present Congressional campaign.

"In my letter of Oct. 13, I advised you that I would welcome any process which shows reasonable promise of informing the people of the views of the candidates. I also explained that I would not have an opportunity to review my campaign schedule and explore the possibility of a joint appearance with you until Congress adjourns. This, I felt, was reasonable since Congressional responsibilities have re-

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