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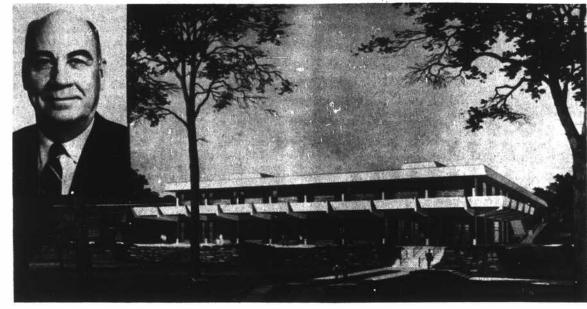
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COLLEGE'S PRESIDENT HONORED-The new student center in honor of Dr. W. H. Plemmons (inset) president of the insti-

ASTC Student Center To Be **Named For President Plemmons**

man of the Board of Trustees of Appalachian State Teachers College, today announced that the institution's new \$1,275,-000 student center will be named in honor of Dr. W. H. Plemmons, who has served as president of the college for the past 11 years.

The modern, two-story building, currently under construction in the center of the campus, will be named W. H. Plemmons Student Center in tribute to the highly respected president whose efforts have been most instrumental in enabling the college to expand rapidly in size and stature during the past several years.

Conrad, of Winston-Salem, said the trustees in a closed session Oct. 21 voted unanimously to name the new facility in honor of Dr. Plemmons. The action took place while Dr. Plemmons was absent from the board's meeting. He was attending a planning session of the members of the college's Board of Visitors held on the same day, and did not reach the meeting of the

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trustees until this and several other items had been disposed of.

Following the meeting, when told by Mr. Conrad and others who were with him at the time of the action of the Board of Trustees during his absence, President Plemmons commented that he was not only surprised . . . he was "flabbergasted".

He then added, "I feel highly honored and humble. This sense of honor and humility comes primarily from my interpretation of the action as one of the highest compliments the trustees could pay, and as an expression of friendship in association which to me is immeasurable."

Mr. Conrad stated that "in choosing this name, the board has thus undertaken to recognize in a measure not only the outstanding achievements of Dr. Plemmons in advancing the academic standards of the college proportionately with its greatly expanded facilities, but also as a tangible indication of the respect and general affection in which he is held

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by the students, the faculty of the college and the townspeople of Boone."

Construction of the student center is expected to be completed during the coming summer. The opening of the building will mark the culmination of a long-time need for such a

Dr. Plemmons has long been interested in securing the structure for Appalachian's students, and pursued his requests through several sessions of the state legislature before official approval was granted.

The building, which will be

Local Elections Reverse Trends

Watauga County gave both political parties some smiles in the general election, by giving the Democrats control at the courthouse, a Sheriff and by returning the Clerkship to a Republican.

At the same time Watauga went strong for Congressman Broyhill against native son, Bingham, and offered John Shallcross a majority over Senator Jordan.

Not given to following any set pattern of voting, Watauga went Republican in 1964 while

Official Watauga County Election Returns

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the country. This year when the Republicans were making merry in North Carolina and indeed across the country, with whopping gains, the Dem ocrats won most of the local

Anyway the races were close, most of them that is, as is shown by the official tabulation.

The newly-elected Watauga officials will assume their duties the first Monday in De-

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\$1,420,000 Program

Blowing Rock Hospital Gets \$200,000 Grant

Long Term Care Facility Will Serve Wide Area

Trustees of The Duke Endowment have appropriated \$200,000 to assist Blowing Rock Hospital in its current expansion program, C. S. Kipp,

Early this year, The Endowment appropriated \$150,-000 for the hospital's use in financing the construction of an 80-bed long-term care unit on which work is underway Recently \$50,000 was added to help pay the cost of additions renovations required in the present hospital and nurses' residence because of the long-term care project.

The total cost of the program, which will enable the hospital to provide long-term care for patients from Wa tauga and several adjacent counties, is \$1,420,000 of which \$501,600 is being provided from federal funds. \$100,000 from state funds, and the remainder from other sources. Mr. Kipp said the contributions of The Duke Endowment, the Z. Smith Reynolds Founda tion, and a number of gen erous individuals have made it possible to establish the new service, which will offer convalescent care in the progressive care concept, including nursing care, physiotherapy, and rehabilitation through diet and occupational therapy for persons of mature years who may be in need of nursing care, primarily, but do not need diagnostic procedures or treatment for acute illness or surgical conditions. (Continued on page twelve)

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TEACHERS FETED BY JUNIOR WOMAN'S CLUB-Each year, as part of National Education Week, the Boone Junior Woman's Club honors local educators with Teachers Appreciation Day. Between 9 a. m. and noon Saturday, 40 teachers visited the Appalachian Elementary School for refreshments and con versation among friends. Hostesses were Mrs.

Ruffner Campbell, Mrs. Johnny Barnett and Mrs. Harvey Ayers (not pictured). right are Mrs. Campbell, Mrs. Earl Greene, Mrs. G. T. Buckland, Mrs. Dowd Bangle, Mrs. Blaine Pressley, Mrs. Barnett, Mrs. A. E. Mrs. James Stanley, Mrs. Robert Randall, Mrs. Ron Davis, Mrs. C. C. Owen and John Foster. (Weston photo)

Tray Of Rings Taken In Daylight Store Robbery

Boone Police allerted North Carolina and Tennessee Highway Patrolmen Friday afternoon in an attempt to capture a man who stole a tray of 36 rings from Walker's Jewelry Store on West King Street

The robbery occurred shortly after 1 p. m.

A witness reported that a

Negro man and woman got out of a brown 1967 sedan parked on West King. He said the couple walked down the street. and a few minutes later ran out of a store, got into the car and headed west on Highway 421

Information on the car and its occupants was immediately sent out to patrol units, although reports Tuesday were that the robbers had not been

apprehended Mrs. Walker said the woman had inquired about some jewelry, and while she was helping her, the man was looking at

the couple, Mrs. Walker, who was alone in the store, said she discovered one of the glass doors was open and a small tray containing 36 rings was missing. She asked a man from the

hardware next door to get the

police. By that time, the cou-

one of the showcases. When

ple had made good their es Mrs. Walker said she had not conducted an inventory and

has not determined the loss. The witness also told police

the sedan bore California lic

JIMMY DEAL

Jimmy Deal Is **Candidate For** Morehead Grant

A senior at Watauga High School, James M. (Jimmy) Deal, has been named the 1967 candidate from Watauga for the Morehead Scholarship to the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

Announcement was made last week by Dr. Gene Reese, chairman of the Watauga County Selection Committee.

The Morehead Award, pro vided by the John Motley Morehead Foundation, amounts to \$1,750 for each of four years at the university in a study leading to a baccalaureate degree. Applications for the scholarship were available to all interested senior boys.

Selection by the County Committee is based upon scholastic ability and attainment, outstanding personal qualities, good moral character and physical vigor. As the candidate from Watauga, Jimmy will appear for personal interviews before the District Committee in December. Winners in district competition will go before the Central Se-(Continued on page twelve)

Broyhill Win Over Bingham Near 33,000 James T. Broyhill of Lenoir won a third term in Congress

by defeating Robert Bingham. 28-year-old Boone man, by a margin of about 33,000 votes. Broyhill, a Republican who won the 9th District seat from

Hugh Alexander of Kannapolis in 1962, took every county in the district. The vote with returns from all 251 precincts, was Broyhill 77,665, Bingham 43.978

Broyhill is the son of James E. Broyhill, Lenoir industrialist and Republican national committeeman from North Carolina.

Bingham came close to taking Alleghany County, losing by 37 ballots.

Broyhill came into the 11county district late in the cam-



JAMES T. BROYHILL

congressional session. He declined to debate Bingham, but did visit in about every one of the counties: Alleghany, Ashe, Davie, Cabarrus, Caldwell, Rowan, Surry, Stanly, Watau (Continued on page twelve)

IRC Reports **Record Sales** And Earnings

Philadelphia -- IRC, Inc. registered record sales and earnings for the first 42 weeks of

Sales through October 23 totaled \$39.142,743, up from \$30,031,065 for the same period in 1965. Net profit for the 42 weeks came to \$4,251,768 or \$2.82 per share, compared with \$2.694,490 or \$1.80 per share earned in the same per-

iod last year Per share figures for 1966 are based on 1,506,762 shares of common stock outstanding on October 23, 1966, and for last year on 1,494,004 outstand

ing on October 24, 1965. Referring to last week's declaration of an extra cash dividend of 25c per share and an increase in the regular div idend from 20c per share to 25c, IRC President, Wilson H. Oelkers, said, "This reflects our confidence in the outlook for sales and profits both for

the full year of 1966 and the