

# Hospital Climaxes Ten Years Of Civic Effort

The need for better hospital facilities for Watauga County was recognized as early as 1956, when a survey was begun to see if the existing hospital could be altered to meet local needs.

Now, 10 years later, a new hospital is being prepared for occupancy and soon will be ministering to the sick.

Intensive study revealed additions to the hospital facing Blowing Rock Road would not be feasible, thus officials called on the N. C. Medical Care Commission for advice.

First plans called for a 100-bed institution. Several building sites were studied before the Deerfield Road location was selected. The Commission, and

S. Bynum Greene and John F. Greene authorized a bond issue election for the voters. The Hill-Burton Act would furnish 55 per cent of the cost, funds to be administered by the N. C. Medical Care Commission, The Duke Endowment, and others, would also furnish funds.

Voters passed the bond issue, but because of limitations the

County is allowed by law to make, the 100-bed plan was cut to 83 beds.

The new hospital, estimated to cost approximately \$1,800,000, was to be financed thus: \$500,000 by the County; \$890,000 by Hill-Burton funds; \$160,000 by the Duke Endowment; \$50,000 by the Reynolds Foundation; \$50,000 by Mrs. Gilbert

Reynolds Verney; and \$500 by the Dickerson Foundation of Mt. Holly. The rooms would be furnished by gifts of \$1,000 per room.

Additionally, the Economic Development Fund furnished \$50,000, to be administered by the Medical Care Commission.

Some of the equipment is being furnished by donation,

while other equipment from the old hospital will be used. This will be replaced by new equipment as funds become available.

The hospital will operate under a board of trustees designated by the County Commissioners.

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Architect's drawing of a new library to be constructed on the ASTC campus.

## \$4.5 Million Cut

# \$10,408,368 Recommended For New College Buildings

The N. C. Advisory Budget Commission last week recommended that more than \$4.5 million be sliced from the "B" and "C" budget requests of Appalachian State Teachers College for the next two academic years.

The college had sought a total of \$14,942,882 for capital improvements and new-expanded programs during 1967-68 and 1968-69. The commission recommended \$10,408,368 and rejected requests for \$4,534,514.

Capital improvement requests recommended were:

Four new residence halls, \$4,080,368 (self liquidating); addition to Rankin Science Building, \$2,640,000 (which includes \$880,000 in federal funds); housing for faculty and married students, \$2,000,000 (self - liquidating); electrical system expansion, \$300,000; campus development, \$300,000;

air conditioning for Duncan Hall offices, the new administration building and new library, \$231,000; central warehouse, \$104,000; Home Economics Building foods lab, \$16,000; steam plant elevator, \$50,000; tennis courts, \$40,000; and laundry expansion, \$100,000 (only if self-liquidating).

Rejected capital improvement requests included a \$1,672,000 classroom building to house the business and eco-

nomics departments, \$500,000 for the acquisition of land, \$800,000 for renovation of the old Appalachian High School building, \$112,000 for the completion of Duncan Hall and \$37,000 for additional tennis courts.

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