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BOONE'S CABIN MONUMENT—A picture taken close to fifty years ago shows a group of Boone citizens seated at the Daniel Boone monument. See if you can identify all of them. The monument, it is now understood to be torn away in the path of the new highway. It had formerly been said by Highway officials that the structure would be moved off the right-of-way. That the monument stands on the exact site of the Daniel Boone cabin seems to be fairly well authenticated and as late as 1911 the chimney stones were being pointed out to school children, Historian

Arthur recalls that when the monument was built in 1912 the digging for the foundation uncovered a rusted set of bullet molds. The cabin was used by all hunters and others who found themselves in the locality at nightfall, Benjamin Howard kept the salt for his cattle in the cabin, Howard's name was given to Rich Mountain's lofty peak and the town was named for Boone. It's a shame that Boone's only authentic historical point is to lose its identity. The monument was constructed by Boone's first Mayor, W. L. Bryan with funds contributed by himself and others.

Rankin Is Keynote Speaker ASU's Alumni College Is Record Weekend Event

3-Day Program Features Tour New Buildings

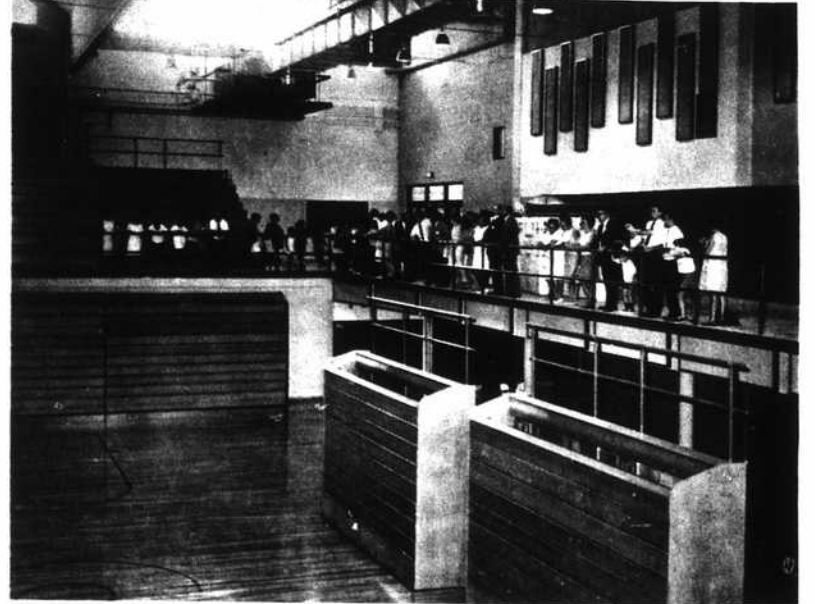
Appalachian's fourth annual Alumni College, which drew 160 persons to the campus over the past weekend, was termed a "big success" by Robert Snead, Director of Alumni Affairs.

The attendance figure set a record for the event which commenced Friday and ended at noon Sunday.

Bill Rankin of Lincolnton, a member of ASU's Board of Trustees and the State Board of Higher Education, presented the keynote address Friday night and outlined the institution's recent past and proposed future.

The deans of ASU's colleges were featured on the Saturday morning program as they discussed new academic development and the future structure of the various college divisions. The alumni group toured the recently completed Library, Varsity Gymnasium and B. B. Dougherty Administration Building. They were treated Saturday night to a smorgasbord dinner at which entertainment was provided by a quartet from Horn In The West, outdoor drama sponsored by the Southern Appalachian Historical Association.

On Sunday morning, Dr. George Graham of the university's College of Education, led a religious service on the front lawn of the new administration building.



ASU'S ALUMNI COLLEGE PARTICIPANTS TOURED THE NEW VARSITY GYM . . .

Smoking Data To Be Object Of New Survey

Census Bureau interviewers will conduct a survey here concerning the smoking habits of the population during the week of August 19, Director Joseph R. Norwood of the Census Regional Office in Charlotte announce. Interviewers will ask about people's past smoking habits as well as present habits in order to discover whether there have been significant changes over the past year. Interviews conducted locally are part of the third annual survey of smoking habits taken among a representative sample of the nation's population to provide statistical data for the U.S. Public Health Service.

The questions on smoking will be asked during the Bureau's monthly labor force inquiries. Questions about jobs are designed to provide data for use by the U.S. Department of Labor in determining current national employment and unemployment trends.

The identity of households in the survey throughout the U.S. is confidential, and the information obtained will be used only for statistical purposes. Interviewers will visit households in this area between August 19 and 24.

Parkway Travel Is Increasing

Travel on the Blue Ridge Parkway so far this year as compared to the same time in 1967 is up 40%, a National Park Service survey indicates.

It is also revealed that the increase during the month of July was 25% over July 1967.

During the calendar year 1968 there were 6,040,341 visitors as against 4,303,904 in 1967.

In July this year there were 1,825,297 visitors; in July 1967 1,414,047. The break-down of visitors in July for the four Parkway district follows, the first figure in each case being July 1968 the latter 1967: James River, Va. 206,774, 206,737; Rocky Knob, Va. 371,071, 320,042; Bluffs, N. C., 326,962, 281,084; Asheville, N. C. 920,550, 606,184.

Governmental Agencies Fewer In Watauga County

For its size, does Watauga County have more or fewer governmental agencies than other communities? How many such bodies are there throughout the county with power to pass rules and regulations affecting local residents?

A new report on the subject, issued by the U. S. Census Bureau, makes possible a comparison of the local governmental structure with that found in other areas.

The data was gathered from all parts of the country as part of the "1967 Census of Governments." It underscores the fact that community affairs are being directed less and less by county, municipal and township governments and more by autonomous or semi-autonomous sub-divisions.

To a growing extent the controls are being delegated to school districts and to special districts with responsibilities over public housing, water supply, toll roads, flood control, fire protection and the like.

In Watauga County, the report shows, there are now 4 units of government in operation, 3 of them with property taxing power.

They consist of 2 municipal governments, no township governments, no independent school districts, 1 special district and the county government itself.

The number is exactly the same as was tabulated in 1962, when the previous Census of Governments was taken.

By way of comparison, there was a reduction of 12 percent in the number of local governments throughout the United States as a whole in the five-year period.

The South Atlantic States had a rise of 4 percent while the number in the State of North Carolina went up 11 percent.

From the standpoint of population, Watauga County is listed as having one agency of government for every 4,370 local people. The average elsewhere in the nation is one for every 2,340.

Pre-Registration At Watauga High

All new students, from another school district, should come to Watauga High School for pre-registration between 5 a. m. and 4 p. m. through Monday, Aug. 19.

The special pre-enrollment began Monday, Aug. 12.

In most communities, the figures indicate, the trend is toward a streamlining of the governmental process. The national total for all types of local

governments declined from 91,186 to 81,248 in the last five years.

Most of the cut was due to the consolidation of school districts.

Wins On First Ballot

Richard M. Nixon, former Vice-President, was the first-ballot choice of the Republican convention for President last Wednesday night in Miami Beach. Mr. Nixon then proposed Governor Agnew of Maryland for the Vice-Presidential nomination. Despite a flurry of opposition Governor Agnew was promptly endorsed by the convention.

Hot Weather Delays Hospital Plantings

The Boone Jaycees report that their hospital beautification project will resume when the weather cools off.

Speaking for the club, Tom Slade said the shrubbery and grass to be planted and set cannot be done in hot weather.



ATE TOO MUCH AT A SMORGASBORD . . .

News Photographers To Gather On Grandfather

Grandfather Mountain—A pageant to select the new "Miss Carolinas Press Photographer"



CATHY WOODRING Cathy Woodring Receives Grant

Miss Joyce Catherine Woodring, daughter of Henry and Mabel Woodring of Route 2, Boone, has received an Educational Opportunity Grant of \$450 and an academic scholarship of \$150.

Added to the \$250 Watauga Savings & Loan Association scholarship she was awarded this spring, this makes a total of \$850 in special grants for the year.

This summer Miss Woodring is working at Western Carolina Center in Morganton and comes home to visit her family each weekend.

her," and talks by two prominent photographers will highlight the annual two-day Grandfather Mountain Camera Clinic here on August 17-18.

In addition, this year's clinic takes on a "beauties and the beast" photo theme, with the appearance of Mildred, who is Grandfather Mountain's tame wild bear.

The addition of Mildred will provide new vistas for the visiting photographers, who also will spend at least two sessions of picture-taking activity involving all the beautiful young women who are contestants in the pageant.

Elmer Horton of the Charlotte News, who is pageant chairman, said the clinic will open Saturday afternoon with a photo-shooting session with the beauties and the bear, and also special guest Rhododendron Queen Brenda Heath.

The current "Miss Carolinas Press Photographer," Miss Pat Mazingo, also will be featured during the two days of the clinic. The annual gathering is sponsored by the Carolinas Press Photographers Association and customarily draws amateur and professional photographers from many sections of the South.

Other special guests will be Radio Master of Ceremonies Wally Ausley who will MC the beauty pageant on Saturday, and Photographers Bruce Roberts and Frank Jones, who will speak at the Sunday morning business session.

Roberts is a leading freelance photographer and former chief photographer for the Wilmington, Del., News-Journal. His topic will be "New Approaches."

Jones is chief photographer of the Winston-Salem Journal, and he will speak on "Pictures I Like."

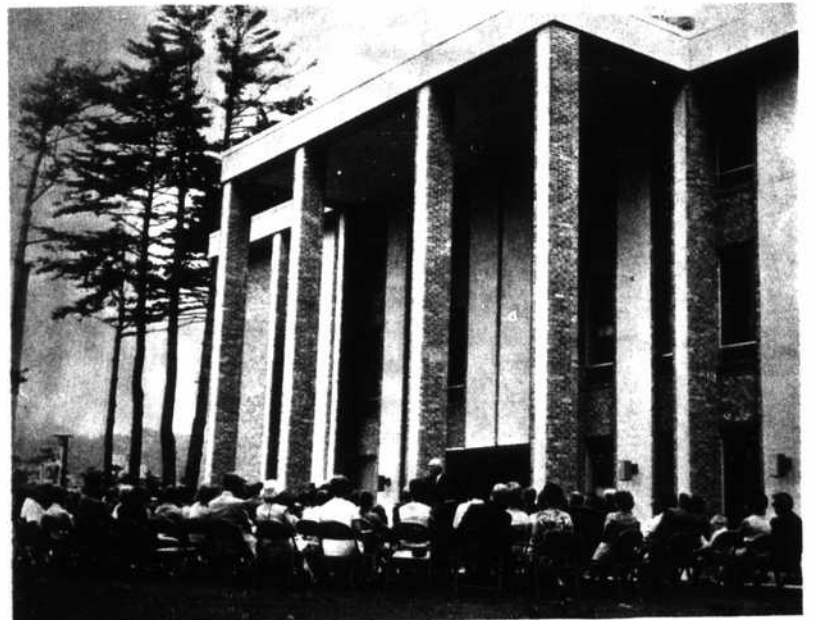
Following the business session and luncheon, the clinic's finale will be the traditional official coronation pictures session, featuring the new "Miss Carolinas Press Photographer" (continued on page three)

Fire Dept. For Cove Creek Is Being Sought

A meeting will be held at the Cove Creek Elementary School Monday evening, Aug. 19, at 7:30 p. m., to discuss the establishment of a fire department for the area.

Thousands of dollars worth of property has been destroyed in the past few months because of fire in the community and many citizens have expressed deep concern about having fire protection.

All citizens are urged to attend the meeting, express their opinions and make suggestions on this urgent need.



AND WORSHIPED ON A CAMPUS LAWN

State Christmas Tree Growers To Meet Today

The annual summer meeting of the North Carolina Christmas Tree Association will be held Thursday through Saturday, Aug. 22-24, at Appalachian State University. According to County Extension Chairman L. E. Tuckwiller, the program will get under way with a 7:30 p. m. meeting of the board of directors Thursday the 22nd in Bowie Hall.

Friday, also in Bowie Hall, registration will be conducted from 8 to 10 a. m. In room 266 of Duncan Hall, Tommy Beutell, president of the statewide association, will preside over the 10 o'clock session. ASU's Director of Business Affairs, Ned Trivette, will give the first welcome. Speaking successively will be Mayor Clyde R. Greene of Boone and

Tuckwiller. At 10:30, an equipment display will be viewed and a program on record keeping given by William T. Huxster, Extension Woods Products Specialist. At 11:30, marketing will be the subject of a talk by Dr. George L. Capel, assistant director of the N. C. Agricultural (continued on page three)