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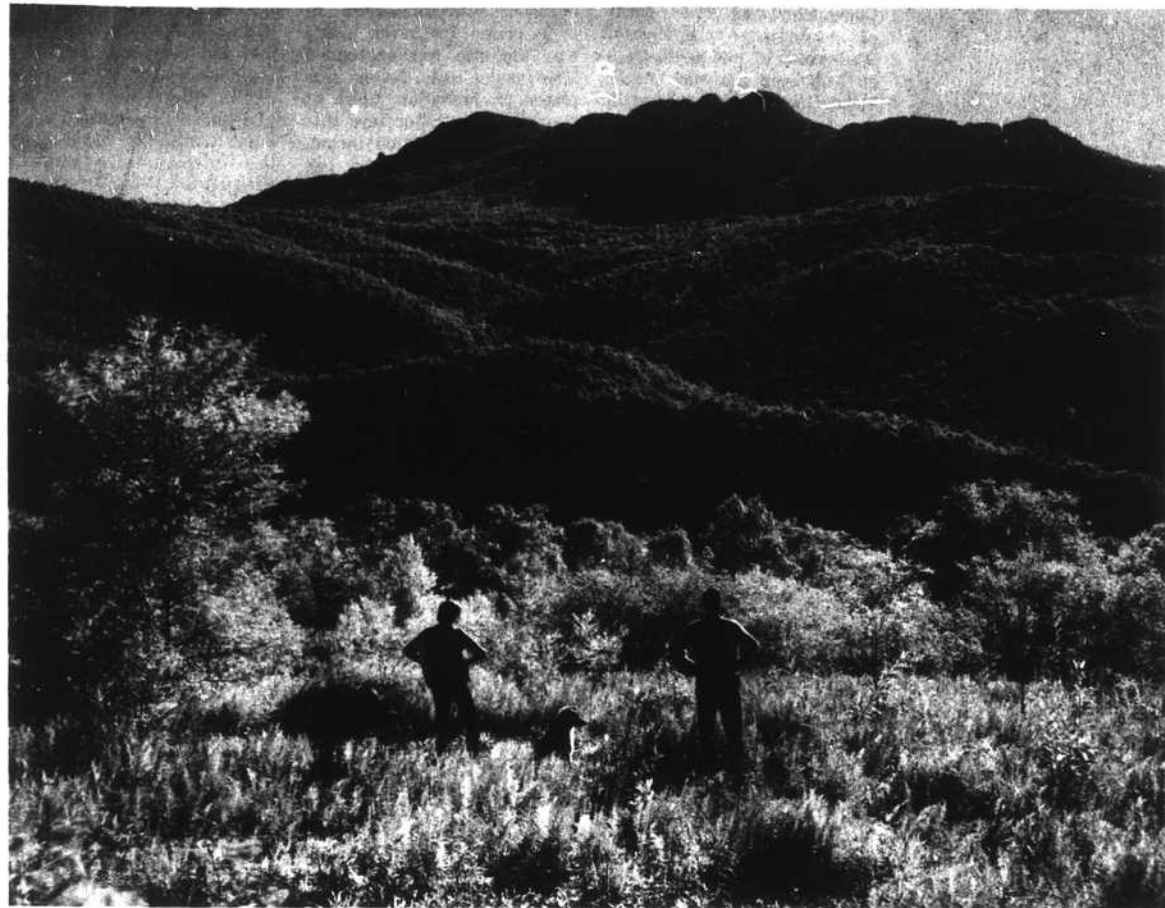
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BOONE WEATHER				
1966	Hi	Lo	Snow	Prev.
Sept. 27	71	56	.06	63 46
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Sept. 29	63	55	.11	63 49
Sept. 30	73	53	.07	70 51
Oct. 1	58	40	.30	70 54
Oct. 2	56	34	.00	69 51
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**SURVEYING THE FALL COLOR**—The season for standing in awe to gaze at the beauty of the Autumn foliage is at hand in the North Carolina mountains. This couple and their dog are enjoying the distant profile of Grandfather Mountain from the terminus of an Avery County road called Sugar Mountain No. 2. The colorful leaves will be at their best for the rest of October.—Hugh Morton photo.

## Autumn Is Showing Her Colors

Autumn color is beginning to show along the crest of the Blue Ridge. Dogwood, sourwood, black gum, sumac and Virginia creeper have turned a deep red. The poplars and birches are radiant in their pale yellows, and the scarlet of the maples makes bright splashes in the forests.

Superintendent Sam P. Weems says color is advancing rapidly along the Parkway and he expects the colorama to peak even a little before the middle of October.

Parkway rangers report that in Moses Cone Memorial Park

near Blowing Rock fall foliage has been conspicuous for several days and the height of color in that area should be reached, they say, during the current week. At elevations lower than Cone Park's 4,000 feet, color is spotty, Weems said, and is a week or more from peak color. He added that

from now on until late October good color areas can be found at some points along the 469-mile Parkway.

It is pointed out that autumn foliage is fragile and once leaves have turned, a heavy wind or rain will bring them down in a hurry.

## Democrats Hear Bingham, Valentine At Dinner Rally

"In every section of the district we have organizations ready to roll at full blast for the next six weeks.

"I predict here again, when the morning of Nov. 9 rolls around, there are going to be a lot of surprised faces—including my opponent's: The Ninth District will have elected a Democratic Congressman."

Boone Congressional candidate Robert Bingham addressed a crowd of 300 in the Watauga High School auditorium Saturday night. County candidates joined Bingham and State Democratic Chairman I. T. Valentine for a dinner rally leading up to the November

elections. Bingham told the group he traveled 25,000 miles on his trip to Vietnam, "plus 25,000 miles in the District, for a total of 8,000 miles per week in six months.

"We are going to win," he declared, "because there are people in this district like you who are giving us their hands and their hearts, and to me, this is much more important than a greased machine paid for by high-priced furniture.

**Thick And Thin**  
Bingham said he is "proud to be a Democrat, and I enthusiastically support the Democrat Party—from President Lyndon Baines Johnson

down to every precinct worker and voter.

"I say if we can't stay with the Democratic Party when things are a little rough, I question whether we deserve to be with the Democratic Party through thick and thin." Bingham said one of the problems of the Democrats now is inflation, "But the Republicans are trying to make a lot of political hay out of that issue—they're inflating the inflation issue."

He said the other side of the coin is higher business profits, higher wages, and a higher standard of living. Since the Democrats took over in 1961, he noted no recessions have occurred.

Bingham assailed Broyhill's voting record, saying he voted "no" against area education programs, anti-poverty programs and the Appalachian Program, "designed to provide much needed new roads in our part of the district." Bingham ridiculed Broyhill's "giving away large quantities of cook books and sugar scoops," and stated that "201 times out of 228 in four years, Broyhill has voted with the Republican Party. He campaigns that it's the man," the candidate charged, "not the party. But it is the party, not the man, and the Democratic Party is the party of the working man.

Bingham congratulated James Dugger, County Chairman, for the organization of

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## Charlotte Girl Dies In Crash

A Lees-McRae College co-ed died Friday night after the car in which she was a passenger went out of control and left the highway just north of Blowing Rock.

Patrolman Gary L. Morgan said Miss Kathryn McSween Brunson age 18, of Charlotte was thrown from a 1966 Plymouth operated by James H. Cupit, III, 20, of Rosemont, Pa. The vehicle was owned by Louis Siegal, Annandale, Va., whose son, Barnie Siegal, 19, a sophomore at Lees-McRae, was a passenger in the car. Morgan reported.

The third passenger was Miss Jacqueline Brown, 18, of Annandale, he said.

The accident occurred at 9:30 p.m. Friday, one and three-tenths miles north of Blowing Rock on Highway 321. Morgan said the car was traveling at a high rate of speed, and the driver lost control of the vehicle in a curve to the left; the car ran off the right shoulder, struck a bank, veered into a metal guard rail and traveled a total of 300 feet before coming to a stop.

The Patrolman estimated the vehicle overturned two and a half times.

All were thrown out of the vehicle except the driver. Miss Brunson's body was found in a creek, 76 feet from the car, he said. The Watauga Rescue Unit searched the area for an hour before the body was found. Miss Brunson's home was on Route 6, Charlotte.



## Retires From Postal Service

Mrs. Pearl E. Eller has retired from the United States Postal Service after 22 years as Postmistress of the Tamarack Post Office. Having served the area for 30 years, the Tamarack station was discontinued in June. Mrs. Eller also maintained a store at the Post Office. She is married (Mr. Eller's occupation is farming) and has a son, Edgar E. Eller of Tamarack. Her son is a car dealer and her daughter-in-law is employed by a Mountain City, Tenn., bank. Mrs. Eller enjoys gardening and does all her household canning and freezing. She is teacher of the junior Sunday School class at Elk Knob Baptist Church. (Staff photo)

## IRC To Spend \$1,230,000 On Expansion This Fall

Start of a five-year, multi-million-dollar expansion of its resistor and other electronic component production facilities at Boone was announced by IRC, Inc., this week.

IRC will spend \$1,230,000 on the first phase of the program this fall, according to Wilson H. Oelkers, president

of the Philadelphia-based company.

"About half of the initial appropriation will go for new equipment and the balance for a 31,000-square-foot addition to be completed late next spring," Oelkers said.

"By 1971," he continued, "we expect to more than

## 3,000 Old Grads To Come Spicy Program Planned For Homecoming Event

### Festivities Will Begin Friday, 14th

A weekend of fellowship and fun, spiced by numerous activities for alumni and students, is scheduled for the annual Homecoming celebration at Appalachian State Teachers College Oct. 14-16.

Approximately 3,000 former students are expected to converge upon the ASTC campus to join the 4,200 current students for participation in the various events, according to Robert Snead, director of alumni affairs of the college.

The homecoming festivities will be launched at 6 p. m. Friday, Oct. 14, with a pep rally and bonfire on the parking lot of Conrad Stadium.

The annual Kickoff banquet featuring entertainment and social activities for alumni will follow the pep rally. The chairmen for this event are Mr. and Mrs. Mark Hodges.

Also on Friday night, a "sock hop" for students is slated for Broome-Kirk Gym, with music to be furnished by the Magnificents.

A gala parade, under the direction of Parade Marshal Harold Tuner, will be staged at 10:15 a. m. on Saturday, with the procession marching through downtown Boone and across campus.

Alumni registration, set from 8 a. m. to noon in the Student Lounge, will be under the direction of Mrs. A. E. Hamby Jr. and the college's Vernician Society of which she is chairman.

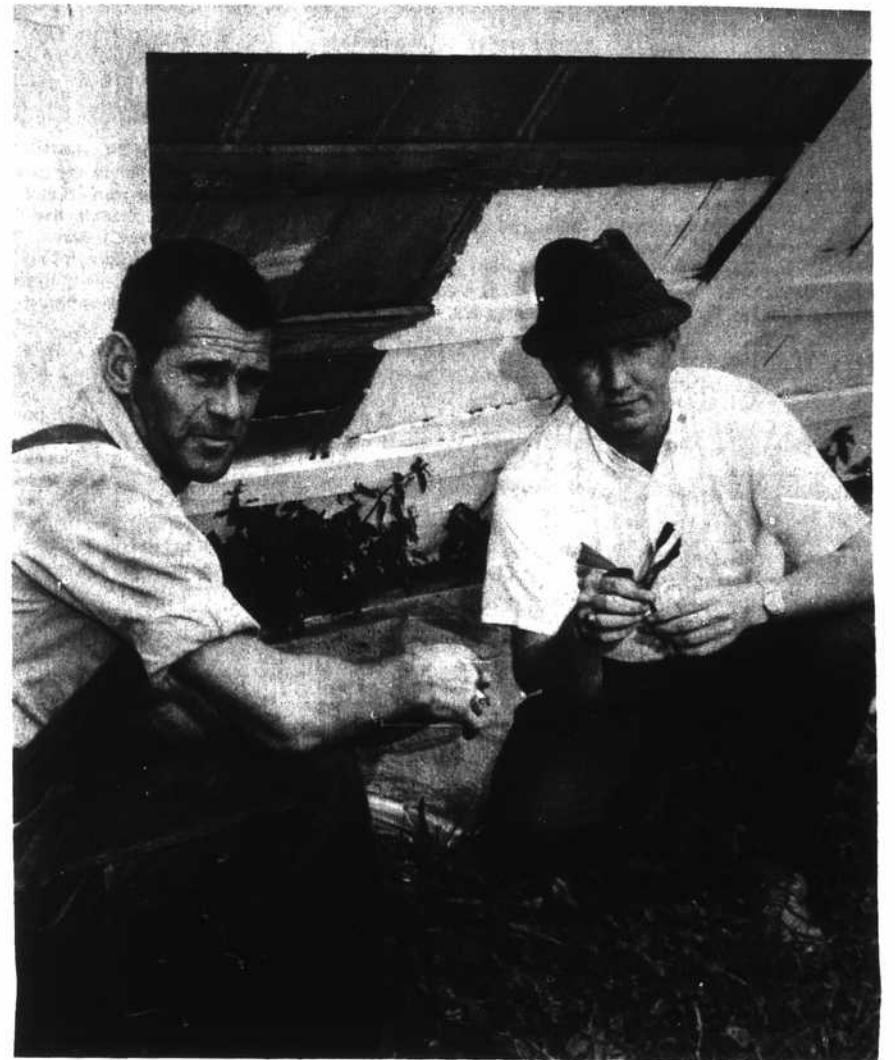
The Alumni Luncheon will begin in the college cafeteria at 11:30 a. m. Saturday with F. P. Bodenheimer Jr., outgoing president of the Alumni Association, presiding over the installation of new officers. Mrs. Randy Phillips and Mrs. Ned Trivette are chairmen of arrangements for the luncheon event.

A packed stadium is expected on Saturday afternoon when Appalachian's Mountaineers clash with the Catawba Indians at 2 p. m. in an important Carolinas Conference football contest. It will be the 31st game in the series dating back to 1929. The homecoming queen will be crowned at half-time.

A coffee hour for the purpose of relaxation and renewal of acquaintances will be held in the Student Lounge immediately after the game. Chairmen for this session are Mr. and Mrs. Steve Gabriel and Mrs. Charles Blackburn.

A Touchdown Dance for alumni will be staged Saturday night at the Boone-Blowing Rock Ski Lodge, with Dr. Roy Blanton and Paul Smith serving as chairmen of the entertainment activities. Students will gather during the same hours for the annual Homecoming Dance at Broome-Kirk Gym, where the Dick Wells Orchestra will provide music.

Miss Tina Diamadourous, (Continued on page six)



Craft Presnell (left) talks with Horticulturist Donald Dunlap at his home in Beech Creek Community. Dunlap is holding a Rhododendron cutting, one of 5,200 Presnell is rooting. Story on page three. (Staff photo)

## Shallcross Speaks At GOP Fund-Raising Event

One hundred, fifteen persons attended a Republican fund-raising rally at the Chalet Restaurant Monday night. Guest speaker was John Shallcross, candidate for the U. S. Senate.

Precincts represented at the meeting were Bald Mountain, Shawneehaw, Stony Fork, Beaver Dam, Elk, Blue Ridge, Blowing Rock, Cove Creek, North Fork, Meat Camp 1, Brushy Fork, Boone and New River.

Shallcross, a resident of North Carolina for eight years and owner of a company which employs 315 men and women told his audience that his opponent, Sen. Everette Jordan, will run on his record.

"I suggest that he play his record loud and clear on the

of Washington." The candidate advised bringing the Southeast Asia conflict to a speedy conclusion by blocking the enemy's supply ports.

Shallcross referred to 1966 as the "year of the big tax" and said that higher social security taxes, re-application of the excise tax and deficit

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## United Fund Luncheon Set

A United Fund victory luncheon was set Tuesday morning at a breakfast meeting at the Gateway Restaurant.

Campaign Chairman Stanley Harris and President Wade Wilmoth spoke to 35 business people who met to receive pledge cards and envelopes.

A report was heard on the County's industries. One already has pledged 100 per cent participation in the campaign and the others are at work on the project.

United Fund this year seeks \$16,000 for 23 charitable agencies.

United Fund donors and workers are invited to attend the luncheon at noon, Monday at the Cardinal Restaurant.

## Courthouse Bond Issue Vote Nov. 8

The question of whether \$450,000 in bonds shall be issued by Watauga County for the construction of a new courthouse on the site of the old one will be submitted to the voters of the county at the general election, Nov. 8, it was decided by the County Commissioners in regular session Monday.

The ballots will contain squares in which the voter may indicate whether he is for or against the bond proposal.

The registration books for the general election, it should be noted, will be opened at 9 a. m. Oct. 15 for the registration of new voters. No general new registration will

## Rivers "Editor Of Week"

"Publisher's Auxiliary," bimonthly publication of the National Newspaper Association, last week featured Rob Rivers, editor-publisher of the Watauga Democrat, as its "Editor of the Week".

Requested by the N. N. A. publication, the feature contains information on the editor's journalistic career, following the progress of the newspaper from its establishment in 1888, when Rob Rivers Sr. was editor, to the present.