

# Welcome, Old Graduates To ASTC Homecoming

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BOONE WEATHER					
1966	Hi	Lo	Snow	Frost	Ice
Oct. 4	70	39			50 40
Oct. 5	62	47	.37		56 30
Oct. 6	58	36	.02		59 33
Oct. 7	65	30			59 46
Oct. 8	68	37			62 46
Oct. 9	69	45			60 37
Oct. 10	65	54	.05		56 42

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THE FORMER DR. PERRY FARM, located south of Boone near Highway 105, is seen in an autumnal setting. The property now is owned by Floyd Ayers and makes an attractive pastoral scene from many vantage points. (Staff photo)

### Veteran College Professors To Be Honored In Dedication

Appalachian State Teachers College will honor two former professors Oct. 16 by naming the building housing its mathematics and economics and business education departments as Smith-Wright Hall.

Dr. I. G. Greer, a former ASTC professor for whom the college music building was named last spring, will deliver the dedication address honoring A. R. Smith, former chem-

istry professor and the first chairman of the chemistry department, and the late J. T. C. Wright, former mathematics professor and first chairman of the mathematics department.

Dedication ceremonies will be held at 2 p. m. in I. G. Greer Music Hall Auditorium. A reception and tea will follow in newly-named Smith-Wright Hall.

The building, formerly known as the Old Science Building, was built in 1940 at a cost of \$146,670. It housed the Appalachian chemistry, biology and physics departments until Rankin Science Building was built in 1963.

Smith-Wright Hall is a three-story, red brick building containing 23,712 feet of floor space. The first two floors of the recently-renovated building contain mathematics and physical science classrooms, with the college computer center located on the first floor and the mathematics department offices located on the first and second floors.

The economics and business education department is located on the third floor.

**Dr. Wright**  
James Thomas Carr Wright was born in Wilkes County on May 22, 1894. After attending the Wilkes County schools, he received the A. B. degree from George Peabody College for Teachers in Nashville, Tenn. He also attended a summer session at Duke University.

Dr. Wright served as a high school principal from 1917 to 1920. In 1920 he came to Appalachian and began his service as teacher of mathematics. He served in this capacity, and as the first chairman of the department of mathematics from 1920 until his retirement in 1961—41 years.

Dr. Wright was the author of a number of textbooks in mathematics, and was active in his profession and in civic and fraternal organizations in the area.

He was a member of Phi Delta Kappa, fraternity for men in education; the North Carolina Education Association; the National Education

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### Registration Books Will Be Open Saturday

The voters registration books will be open in the voting precincts of the County commencing Saturday, Oct. 15 for three Saturdays including Oct. 22 and 29. Nov. 5 has been designated as challenge day.

There will be a meeting of registrars and judges at the Courthouse Thursday evening at 7:30.

All persons who have moved to another voting precinct are urged to re-register in the proper precinct.

### Farm-City Week Meeting Set For Blowing Rock

The annual Farm-City Week meeting will be held at the Blowing Rock Ski Lodge Nov. 17. The meal will be served buffet style.

Awards will be presented to all communities who submit community reports.

Organized communities are urged to have their achievement reports ready on Wednesday, Oct. 19th.

The judging schedule is Matney, 8:30 a. m.; Timbered Ridge, 10:30 a. m.; Bethel, 1 p. m.; and Beaver Dam, 2:45 p. m.

Other communities should send their reports to Jerry Adams by Oct. 15.

### County Farm Bureau To Meet Wednesday

The annual meeting of the membership of the Watauga County Farm Bureau will begin at 7:30 p. m., Wednesday, Oct. 19, at the Boone Courthouse. Guest speaker will be Frank Bryant, who has served many years on the State Advisory Committee on tobacco.

He is a member of the Dairy Committee of the North Carolina Farm Bureau and has been a member of the state board of directors for a number of years. He is a full-time

# Program Starts Friday Thousands To Meet For Homecoming

## Bright ASTC Event Climax Of Fall Season

Thousands of Appalachian State Teachers College graduates will start pouring into Boone Friday to join in the varied phases of the institution's weekend Homecoming festivities.

A wide assortment of events has been scheduled for both alumni and student participation. Banquets, dances, meetings, informal gatherings, a golf outing, a parade and football game will be featured during the three-day celebration.

Old grads are slated to gather Friday night for the annual kickoff banquet, and on Saturday night for the Touch-down Dance. Students, during the same hours, will be attending a "sock hop" on Friday and the Homecoming Dance on Saturday night.

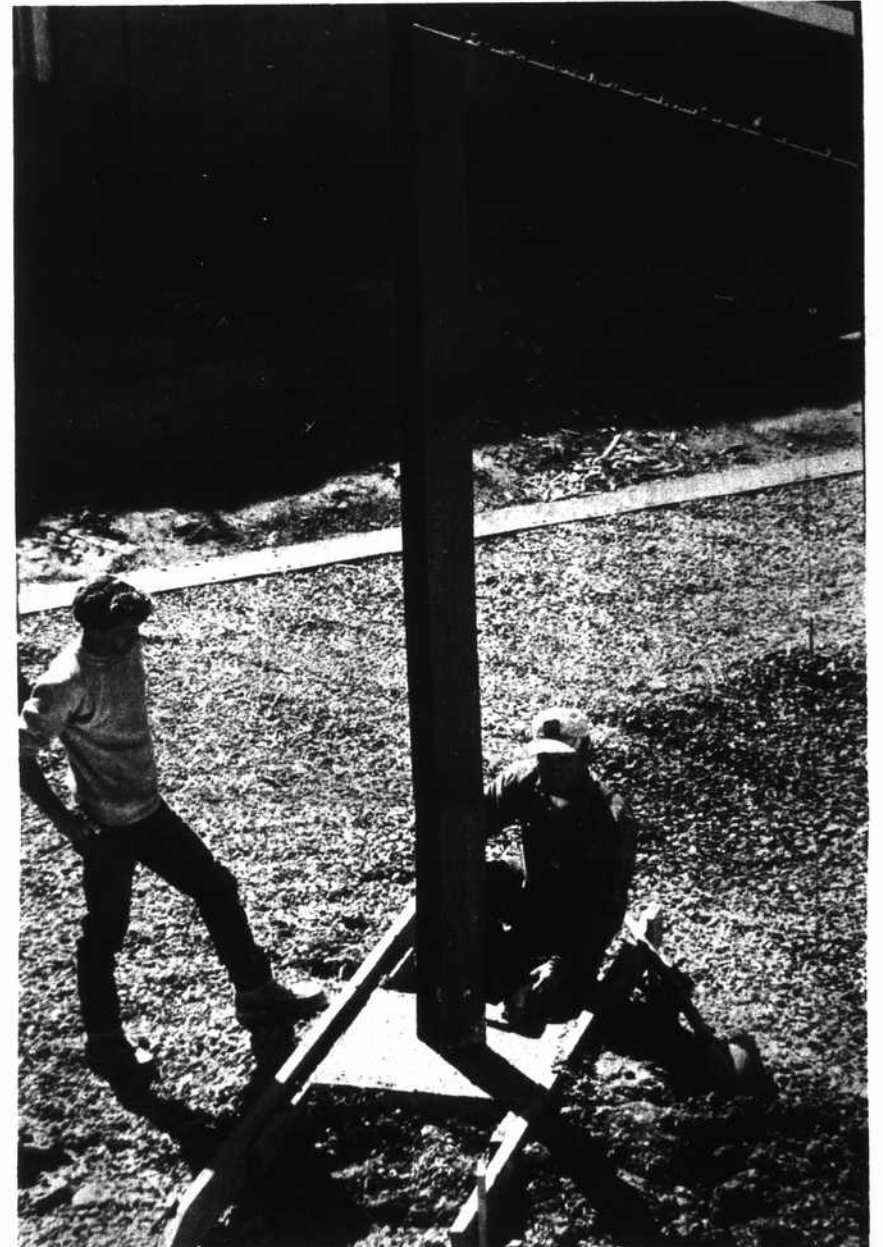
The Alumni Luncheon which will include the installation of new officers of the Alumni Association will be staged at 11:30 a. m. Saturday.

The present students and the returning graduates are expected to fill Conrad Stadium at 2 p. m. when the Mountaineer gridders face Catawba College.

A coffee hour will be held after the game for the purpose of renewals of acquaintances by each alumnus.

A pep rally and bonfire will launch the Homecoming events at 6 p. m. Friday. The Homecoming Parade will be held at 10:15 a. m. Saturday.

The weekend celebration will conclude with the annual alumni golf tournament Sunday.



Phase 2 Of Municipal Plan

Construction has begun behind City Hall on the Town's warehouse unit, which is to be completed in two to three weeks at a cost of \$7,000. The warehouse will be 90' x 60' and Mayor Wade Brown says all street and water department vehicles and equipment will be stored therein. Two doors will open into the

building from the alley running behind City Hall and parallel to King Street. Phase 1 of the Town's plan was the brick city hall building now in use. Phase 3 will be a fire station. Here workmen finish the foundation under one of the warehouse's steel girders. (Staff photo)

## Twelfth Annual Awards Banquet Held By BREMCO

The twelfth annual awards banquet for employees and directors of Blue Ridge Electric

Membership Corporation was held Oct. 1 at the Lenoir Country Club in Lenoir. Attendance was 242: 111 of the 134 employees, their wives, twelve of the fifteen directors, their wives and special guests.

The invocation was rendered by Mrs. Rachel Smith, the welcome by Bert Mast, President of the Corporation, and introduction of employees and guests by C. E. Viverette, General Manager, and his staff.

John Sayers, safety consultant of employers Mutuals of Wausau, could not be there due to illness. He was to have made a special presentation to the cooperative for their outstanding safety record of one million manhours worked without a lost time accident.

Viverette recognized individual employees for accomplishments in training and development to improve their skills and abilities within their present positions and presented service pins and awards to employees completing five, ten, fifteen, twenty and twenty-five years' service with the Cooperative. Carl Graybeal, director and vice-president of

the Cooperative received an award for 25 years' service on the Board of Directors.

Those receiving awards for five years' service were Mrs. Ruth Bare, Mrs. Bytha Duncan, Harold Huffman and Mrs. Joyce White.

Receiving awards for ten years' service were Ben Adams, Mrs. Christine Beane, (Continued on page six)

### Open House At Radio Station

Radio station WATA announces open house ceremonies in their new studios on King Street Sunday afternoon, starting at 2 o'clock.

Situated in the new Watauga Savings and Loan building, the radio's quarters were designed and built especially for the use of the local station, and are completely modern. WATA has been located in the bus station building since its establishment in 1950. It is one of a number of stations owned by Mr. and Mrs. Roland B. Potter of North Wilkesboro.



Queen Sharon Dodge

Vivacious Sharon Dodge has been selected Homecoming Queen by the student body. A junior, Miss Dodge was chosen from eleven candidates in elections held Oct. 4 and 5, and will reign over the festivities this weekend including the Homecoming parade and dance on Saturday. She and her court will be presented to the students formally at the Saturday night dance. Members of the Queen's court are Terry Deweese of Leicester; Helen Eicher of Warrenton, Va.; Julie Lindsey of Shelby; Cindy Starr of Silver Springs, Md., and Mary Verble of Mooresville. Miss Dodge is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Dodge of Fayetteville.



WATAUGA DISTRICT EMPLOYEES OF BLUE RIDGE ELECTRIC Membership Corporation who received service awards at the annual awards banquet on Saturday night, Oct. 1 are (l-r) C. E. Viverette, general manager,

who presented the awards, and recipients Mrs. Ruby Cheek, Grady Barnes, Everette Cole, Arnold Bolick and Neil Faries, Watauga district manager.