

Dr. Plemmons Sees "An Invitation To Greater Service"

Appalachian has experienced another change in name. It is now Appalachian State University, a recognition of its past achievements and an invitation to greater service to the people of northwestern North Carolina.

Since 1963 the creation and development of a state-wide system of community colleges has been rapid. Some seven or eight such institutions are now in operation in what is considered to be Appalachian's part of the state. During these past

four years, the possible impacts and influences of these institutions on Appalachian have been studied.

As a consequence, it has been anticipated that many, if not a majority, of the graduates of these community colleges would be seeking to continue their education at Appalachian. Already this has proved to be a reasonable assumption. Some 300 graduates of community colleges have already been approved for admission this fall. For many years, a

considerable number of graduates of non-public junior colleges have been entering Appalachian. These developments have led us to envision and plan that by 1970-72 Appalachian will be primarily a junior-senior and graduate institution rather than primarily a lower division college.

At present, approximately two-thirds of the enrollment is made up of freshmen and sophomores. Within three to five years, it is anticipated that two-thirds of the enrollment

will be made up of juniors, seniors, and graduate students—an almost ideal composition of the student body of a university.

The second long-range studies and plans which have been under way for nearly a year will be continued and brought to completion. Even before the Regional University Bill was passed, preliminary findings showed that by 1971 Appalachian would have become a university in the fullest sense of the word. So, Appalachian State Uni-

versity is nothing new in the minds of those of us most closely identified with planning the future of the institution. It is, in fact, another step in the natural process of the development and evolution of the institution.

A change in name from college to university does not automatically change the structure, curricula, increase the level of financial support, or raise the level of quality of an institution. A change in name does imply, however, that other

changes be planned, sought, and made. This is exactly what the new law does.

The bill, recently enacted to establish regional universities, provides that the institutions which are redesignated universities will, during 1972, be studied and evaluated by the State Board of Higher Education, with the possibility that one or more of them may be included in the system of the Consolidated University of North Carolina.

"Is Appalachian ready to be

a university?" This question has been asked many times and by many people during the past few months. Students have asked it; faculty members and others associated with the college have asked it. So have alumni, members of the General Assembly, representatives of the press, state officials, and citizens of the county and northwestern North Carolina.

The trustees and others responsible have no doubt that there is desire and ability am-

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It's Now Appalachian State University



CITY ALDERMEN TAKE OATH OF OFFICE—from left, Dr. James B. Graham, Phil H. Vance Jr., and Dr. Hadley M. Wilson. The oath is ready by Clyde R. Greene, new Mayor of Boone. (Staff photo)

One Holdover Official

New City Fathers Are Sworn In

Outgoing Mayor Wade E. Brown opened swearing in ceremonies for Boone's new slate of officials shortly after 9 Monday morning.

Taking the oath from the presiding official was Republican Mayor-elect Clyde R. Greene, who intimated administered the oath to Aldermen Dr. James B. Graham, Phil H. Vance Jr., and Dr. Hadley M. Wilson, Dr. Wilson, lone Democrat in city government, was re-elected to the Board in the June balloting.

Brown told the gathering of 15 persons "I covet for the Town of Boone the very best government it can have," and toward this end pledged his

full co-operation to city officials.

Mayor Greene said he would be contacting the former Mayor, who had graciously offered to advise them when needed.

Former Alderman Howard Cottrell, a 16-year veteran of city government echoed Brown's offer to "step in and help out" if summoned, Dr. Hadley Wilson said he is "happy to be returning to the Board again and thankful for the opportunity to serve the people of Boone another two years."

Aldermen Vance and Graham added they will work for good government in the coming term.

Mayor Greene, recalling he

served a term on the City Council in 1927, said he recognizes the fact that taking over the reins to the city is no small chore.

"As problems come before

Eight Year Old Girl Injured In Crash On 421

An 8-year-old girl required major surgery Saturday after the car in which she was riding was struck three miles west of Boone.

Patrolman George Baker said a 1946 Chevrolet truck driven by Vance Carson Harmon of Sugar Grove and a 1966 Olds station wagon, driven by Clifford Gerald Moore Jr., of Hickory collided about 3:15 p. m. Saturday on Highway 421-321 west of Boone.

He said the Moore car, which was pulling a camper trailer owned by Industrial Electric Company of Hickory, was traveling west when it met the Harmon truck, traveling east partly in Moore's lane.

Moore tried to dodge the vehicle by cutting left, but according to Baker, Harmon cut back to the right. The Patrolman charged Harmon with op-

us, we will give due consideration and then we will act in what we believe the best interest of the people.

"Our success will depend on the support we get from the town of Boone.

"Don't become too impatient with us," he said, "We will do the best that we can on matters that come before us."

In session Monday night, the Board appointed George Judy building inspector, and named Jimmy Holshouser, who is State

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Tax Raise To Aid Hospital

Tax Supervisor G. Claude Danner this week said the tax raise of 10 cents per \$100 valuation in 1967 partly benefits the new County Hospital.

Five cents of the raise was authorized when voters passed the hospital bond issue, Danner said, and he pointed out that the tax raise included in the bond clause was "not to exceed 10 cents per \$100 valuation" for operation and maintenance expenses.

The additional nickel is to take care of general increases, notably in health and welfare. The taxation per hundred formerly was \$1.

No Immediate Policy Changes Are Planned

Action of the General Assembly last week resulted in status changes for Appalachian State Teachers College and three other institutions of higher learning.

The 68-year-old Boone institution became Appalachian State University Saturday, less than two days after the legislation passed.

Some months ago, the president and the Board of Trustees of Appalachian indicated to Gov. Dan K. Moore and the state's Board of Higher Education that they proposed no such name change until after a current long-range study was completed.

They added, however, that if any changes were to be made prior to that time for other institutions of similar nature, the needs in higher education in northwestern North Carolina required that Appalachian be considered.

CHALLENGE

When a bill recently was placed before the Legislature to create the regional universities system, college officials strongly felt that a failure to request inclusion of Appalachian in the provisions of the bill would jeopardize the college's position among the state-supported institutions for many years to come.

The position of ASU is that the change of status will in no way affect the progressive course upon which Appalachian is now traveling. In a statement Monday, university officials indicate no marked alterations of policy or operations are planned immediately, although "the university is dedicated to the unlimited challenges and opportunities which have been placed before it."

Others redesignated as universities are East Carolina, Western Carolina and N. C. Agricultural and Technical.

FOUNDED IN 1903

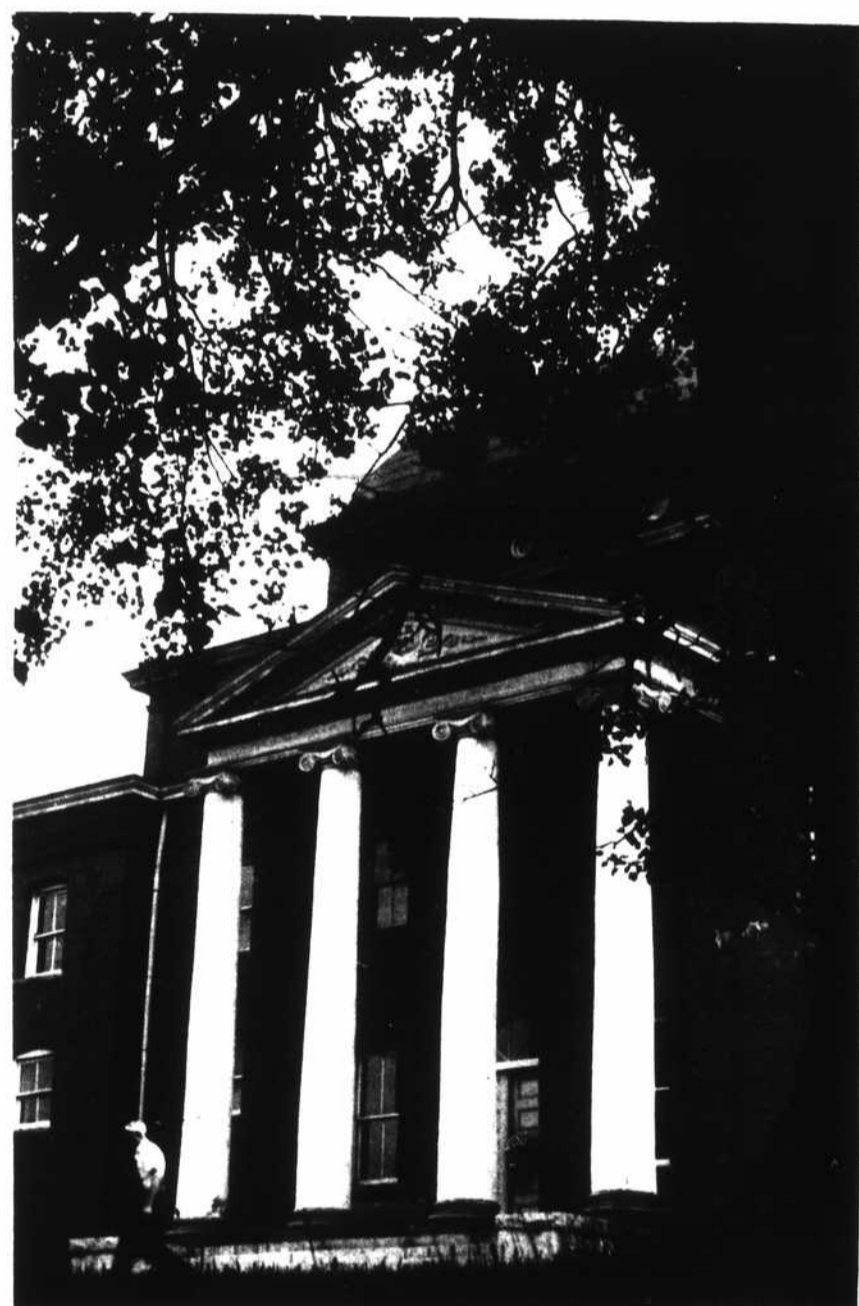
ASU, which had its beginning as Watauga Academy in 1899, was established as a state institution under the name, Appalachian Training School, in 1903.

Twenty-two years later, the Legislature changed the name to Appalachian State Normal School.

Just four years later in 1929, the name was changed to Appalachian State Teachers College, by which it was known 38 years.

Appalachian's 90-acre campus today features 35 major buildings, and the current value of the university's physical plant exceeds \$20 million. The huge building program underway will nearly double the value within a few years.

ASU's enrollment will ap-



The voters' sentiment expressed, Watauga's stately Court House, age 65, hasn't long to go. (Staff photo)

Construction Contracts For New Courthouse Approved

Watauga County may have a new courthouse in 13 months. Construction contracts totaling \$445,919 were approved by the County Commissioners Friday, and Lenoir architects Coffey & Annas were given the green light.

Sealed bids were opened Thursday afternoon under the supervision of Tom Jackson, chairman of the Commissioners.

Construction is tentatively to begin Aug. 1, at which time offices housed in the present Court House will be moved to the former Consolidated School in Junaluska Heights.

When the work begins, contractors will have one year in which to complete the two-story, brick veneer building. The Court House bond issue, included on the ballot in

the November election, was approved at a rate of \$450,000. The modernistic structure will be 122 feet by 97 feet and occupy the site of the existing 65-year-old Court House, West King Street, Boone.

G. Claude Danner, Tax Supervisor and clerk for the Commissioners, points out that \$18,000 in architect's fees was paid out of Watauga's general funds by the Republican Commissioners last fall. Their agreement with Coffey & Annas specifies that an additional \$8,755.14 is to be paid, for a total architectural fee of \$26,755.14.

Also paid out was \$1,227.50 in attorney's fees and miscellaneous expenses.

CONTRACTS

Six companies bid for the

general contract, which was awarded to Pennell & Haigler of Lenoir. Their low bid was \$348,538, while the highest bid in this category was \$437,480.

The electrical contract went to Electrical Wiring Company, Hickory, whose offer at \$26,650 was selected over five others.

Mooney Plumbing & Heating Company of Lenoir won the plumbing contract at \$18,550, while Tomlinson Plumbing & Heating, another Lenoir firm, was awarded the heating and ventilation contract at a rate of \$52,181.

The architects will co-ordinate the contractors' work and be responsible until the new facility is accepted by County officials, Danner says.

Buses To Scotch Games

The Boone Parks and Recreation Commission will provide air-conditioned scenic cruisers to and from the Highland Games, July 8 and 9.

The buses will leave Boone each day at 8:30 a. m., to return from Grandfather Mountain sometime after 3 p. m. Lunch can be bought at the Games.

Prices, which include roundtrip bus fare and admission are Saturday, \$4, Sunday, \$3.50, or both, \$6.50.

Tickets are for sale at both branches of Northwestern Bank, First National, Watauga Savings and Loan, Chamber of Commerce, Wilcox Travel Agency and the Recreation Building.