

Capital Improvements Program Mapped

Appalachian State University Asks For \$16,039,000

The Advisory Budget Commission of North Carolina Tuesday received requests for capital improvements totaling \$16,039,000 for the 1969-71 biennium from Appalachian State University.

The requests were submitted by ASU President Dr. W. H. Flemmons as the Commission met that afternoon on the Appalachian campus.

The specific requests, in order of priority, in the capital

improvements category were as follows:

—\$700,000 for land purchases, deemed as one of the most critical needs of the university at the present time. Funds are needed to purchase the Dougherty property west of Duncan Hall, two lots and other property on Appalachian Street, Andrews and Town of Boone property adjoining ASU property west of the campus, property east of faculty row on Faculty

Street, and property adjoining campus on Howard Street.

—\$3,625,000 for a fine arts building to accommodate the departments of art, dramatic arts, speech and related fields. This structure to include, in addition to teaching and work spaces, at least two small auditoriums (seating 200 or 300 each) and a larger auditorium (to seat 1,500).

—\$2,000,000 for expansion of the campus water system,

a project which will encompass the construction of a large storage facility, the proper chlorinating of all water, improving and expanding distribution lines and finding a major source for the system.

—\$1,400,000 for expansion of steam generating and distributing system to the new residence halls, the infirmary, the administration building annex, and west of Duncan Hall.

—\$1,250,000 for an elementary school project, with the funds being used to assist Watauga County to purchase property and build an elementary school of adequate size on it. This request includes the condition that when it is vacated, the present Appalachian Elementary School will be converted to university use.

—\$75,000 for air conditioning of the new B. B. Dougherty Administration Building (this request previously cut from

the tentative budget by the 1967 General Assembly).

—\$50,000 to air condition office space in Duncan Hall (also removed from tentative budget by 1967 General Assembly).

—\$210,000 for building repairs, including essential repairs such as replacing roofs on Chapel Wilson Hall, the Warehouse, the Service Building and the Power Plant; installing "truck-point" walls,

improving lighting and repairing hand room in I. G. Greer Music Hall; creating additional office space in various classroom buildings; ventilating space beneath Smith-Wright Hall, repairing President's Home; and razing the Old Education Building.

—\$300,000 for Army ROTC facility on ASU's farm property in accordance with specifications for the Army training

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AWARD WINNER

In last 3 years Democrat has won 14 State Press Assn. awards. Eight of them are first place awards.

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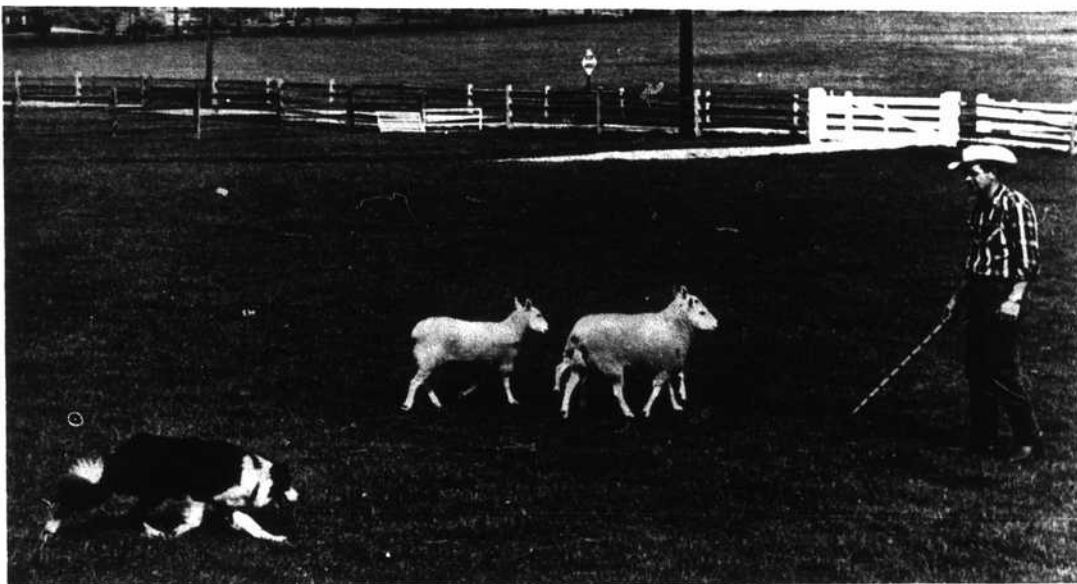
BOONE WEATHER				
1968	Hi	Lo	Snow	Prec.
July 2	86	62		
July 3	78	60		.88
July 4	72	54		.19
July 5	74	54		
July 6	80	51		
July 7	79	55		
July 8	76	58		

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SCOTTISH GAMES HIGHLIGHT—Henry Kuykendall of Lafayette Hill, Pa., will trade his cowboy outfit for a Highland kilt when he and his Scottish sheep dogs round up a flock of sheep in a featured Sunday afternoon performance during the Grandfather Mountain Highland Games July 13 and 14.

Colorful Grandfather Spectacle Grandfather Games Begin Sat.

Houston M. McBain of Hubbard Woods, Ill., a distinguished Scottish-American who is World Chief of Clan McBain, will be honored as special guest at the

13th annual Grandfather Mountain Highland Games and Gathering of Scottish Clans on July 13-14.

In this unique celebration held at MacRae Meadows on the slope of Grandfather Mountain, representatives and families of hundreds of Scottish clans participate in traditional games, activities and customs of Scotland.

Scottish bagpipe bands in colorful kilts and bonnets, highland dancing, and track and field events provide a festive atmosphere, not unlike a wee bit of heather from the highlands of the old home.

The designation of Houston M. McBain as honored guest repeats a role he filled in 1959 during his first year as World Chief of Clan McBain, and his appearance this year at the Games is regarded by officials of the Games as one of the highlights of the two-day program. Mrs. McBain will accompany him.

The honored guest is recognized by Lord Lyon, His matriculation in the court of the Lord Lyon was the culmination of nearly nine years of research in the United States, Canada and Scotland on McBain family history.

He is one of only three or four Scottish clan chiefs living in North America. Mr. McBain built McBain Memorial Park in 1961 near Inverness, Scotland. It includes a stone cairn with bronze plaque, giving the history of Clan McBain's chiefs for the past 400 years.

He brings to the 1968 Games and Gathering a noteworthy career, and the president of the Games, N. J. McDonald who is also president of Saint Andrew's Society of the State of New York, points out his contributions in Scottish American activities. He has been president of the Illinois Saint Andrew's Society for three terms, and is now an honorary governor of that society. He was a governor of the Scottish American Foundation in 1966, and has written several articles on current Scottish chiefs. The Games will offer competition in highland dancing, piping, track and field events, and a mountain marathon in

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AT THE AGE OF 86, Clyde Reece of the Beaver Dam Community still makes his own garden and grows and picks raspberries for sale. Since attending Appalachian Normal Academy in 1903, Mr. Reece has been a farmer, had had some of his poems published and sings songs he has composed. In the old home in which he was born, Mr. Reece enjoys sitting in front of the big fireplace in the kitchen to read. One of his daughters says, "Everyone loves Dad very much. He is so kind and easy going and loves people." Mr. Reece still tends the rosebushes that grew in the yard when he was a boy.

Fiddlers' Convention Gay Week End Event

An old-time fiddlers convention will be held Saturday night in the gymnasium of Watauga High School.

The sponsoring organization,

the Boone Jaycees, will award \$100 first prize, \$35 second prize and \$15 third prize among the blue grass and country music entries.

Grady Cole, famed radio announcer, will be master of ceremonies when the convention gets underway at 8 p.m. Bought at the door, tickets are \$1.50 with children under 12 admitted free. No advanced tickets will be sold, however door prizes will be distributed during the evening.

Spainhour Is Named Optimist Of The Year

At the Monday night meeting of the Boone Optimist Club, David N. Spainhour was named Optimist of the Year.

The businessman received the award after several attendance pins were awarded by H. B. Stroup of Asheville, who is Governor of the North Carolina District of Optimist International.

In the ladies night program at the Town House Restaurant, (Continued on page seven)



DR. ANDREW WILEY

Dr. Wiley Goes To Peace Corps

The family of Dr. Andrew Wiley left Boone Wednesday, July 10, to join the surgeon in Washington, D. C., where he is receiving Peace Corps indoctrination.

Mrs. Wiley said Tuesday that after his study program, in which emphasis is on family planning, the surgeon will be assigned to the Kingdom of Tonga in the South Pacific. This is about four hours north of New Zealand by plane.

Having lived in Boone two years, Dr. and Mrs. Wiley and Mark, 15; Kim, 13; Geoffrey, 12; and Peter, who is 10, resided on Keystone Drive. They were associated with Celco Friends Meeting, a Quaker religious affiliation.

The surgeon had received his diploma from the national Surgical Board, the highest accomplishment attainable in his field.

Boone's resident surgeon, Dr. Lowell B. Furman, also is board-certified.

Many Expected Higher Rate Tax Rate For Boone To Remain At \$1.10 Level

New Emphasis To Be Placed On Street Work

The present rate of \$1.10 per one-hundred-dollars valuation will remain in effect for the 1968-69 fiscal year in Boone.

Presented to Mayor Clyde Greene and the Town Board of Aldermen last week, the budget includes substantial funds for street improvements, recreation and expansion in the police department.

According to city attorney Jimmy Holshouser, the recreation program received almost all of the funds requested by the Boone Parks and Recreation Commission. Mayor Greene said the city administration has received an increasing number of compliments on the effective job Jim Hastings has done in organizing Boone's first year around recreation program.

Holshouser said the increase in funds for street improvements got special note, pointing out that the last budget handicapped street work because of the drastic reduction in street funds, the Mayor said that he and the Aldermen have put special emphasis on streets in the new budget.

An allocation also is included for a city manager the administrators hope to employ in the current year. They have searched for several months for a man to fill this first-time opening.

Because initial payments must be made on the water and sewer bond issues this year, Holshouser said many citizens were expecting a substantial increase in the tax rate here. Bond payments of \$100,000 will be made, he said, although the \$1.10 rate will hold for the next fiscal year.

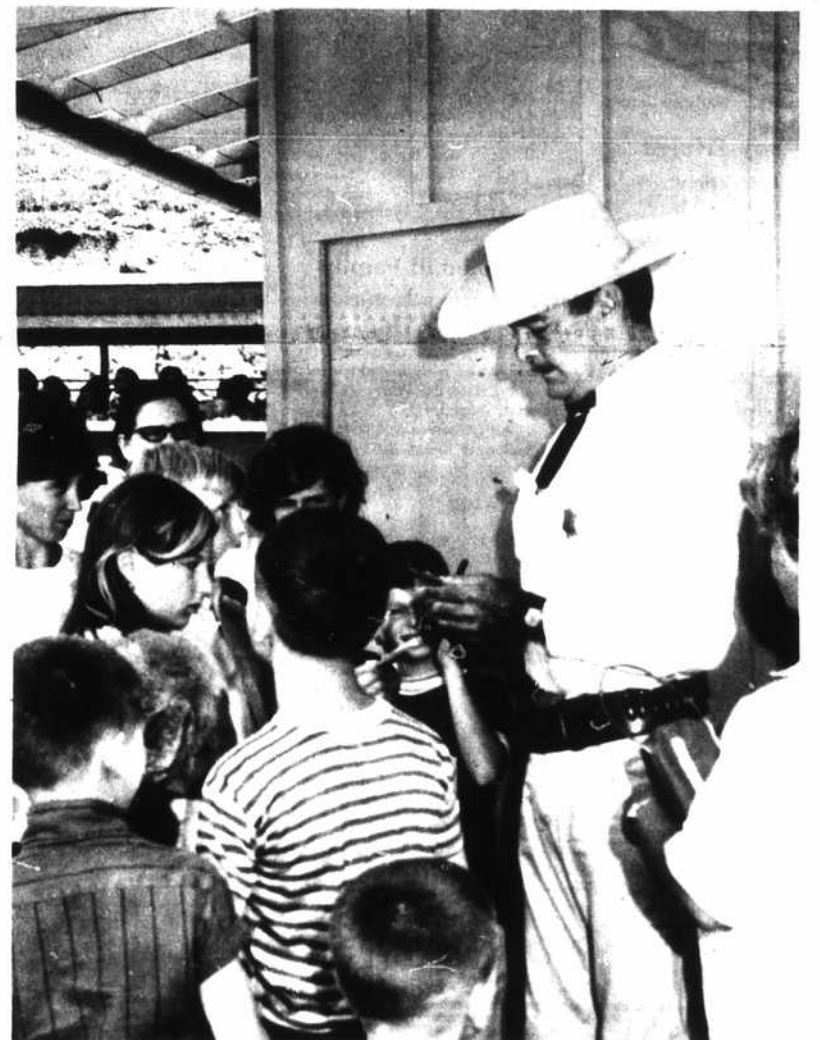
However, while water rates were increased soon after the new water-sewer project began, Holshouser points out that the sewer increase never was adopted. And there is a provision in the contract between the Town of Boone and the federal government that the town would have to increase its water and sewer rates subsequent to the appropriation of the grant.

Mayor Greene said "It was a shock to learn that we would be required to raise the sewer rate. The agreement with the government was apparently reached in early 1965 and very few people were aware of the town's specific obligation."

"The town has no choice in the matter," he added, "and undoubtedly the rate will have to go up within the next few months."

"We hope to at least be able to wait until the sewer plant is completed and the new system is in operation before the government demands that we put the new rate into effect."

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"LAWMAN" ON DUTY—When the crowds at Tweetsie Railroad got movie star John Russel pinned down, they found out what a fine fellow he is and in the course of it all, he met hundreds and hundreds of folks and signed his name untold times for autograph hounds of all ages. According to Spencer Robbins, Russel has returned to his California home and effective Tuesday, television cowboy Peter Brown was back in the saddle as Tweetsie's official marshal, Russel relieved Brown, who last week flew to Hollywood to meet a film commitment. But as Robbins points out, Brown seems to be a big attraction for the teenage group and will be meeting them and other visitors Tuesday through Friday until Aug. 23. Incidentally, Russel recently finished a stock-car racing movie in which he plays head of a gambling syndicate. At the local attraction, however, he was strictly the king of the cowtown marshals. (Staff photo)



JOHN B. ROBINSON

John Robinson To End Tenure At Crest Store

The Crest Store chain Monday will transfer John B. Robinson, manager of Crest in Boone, to its Lincolnton (N.C.) facility in the new Town and Country Shopping Center.

Having established a leading role in several church and civic ventures, Robinson was presented a special gift Tuesday

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Horn In West Notes 47% Increase In '68

The paid attendance figures for Horn in the West outdoor drama totaled 4,419 through the first eight performances, representing a 47 per cent increase over the first eight shows of last summer.

After the Sunday night performance, the 1968 nightly average was 552, compared to only 314 per night for the identical period in 1967.

The drama, scheduled for 49

productions this year as compared to 56 a year ago, actually played before some 7,500 persons during the opening week since approximately 3,000 Watauga County residents have attended on free passes.

At the current rate, the drama will draw 27,048 paid admissions this summer, 56 less than the number which attended in 1967 when the drama was produced on several additional evenings.