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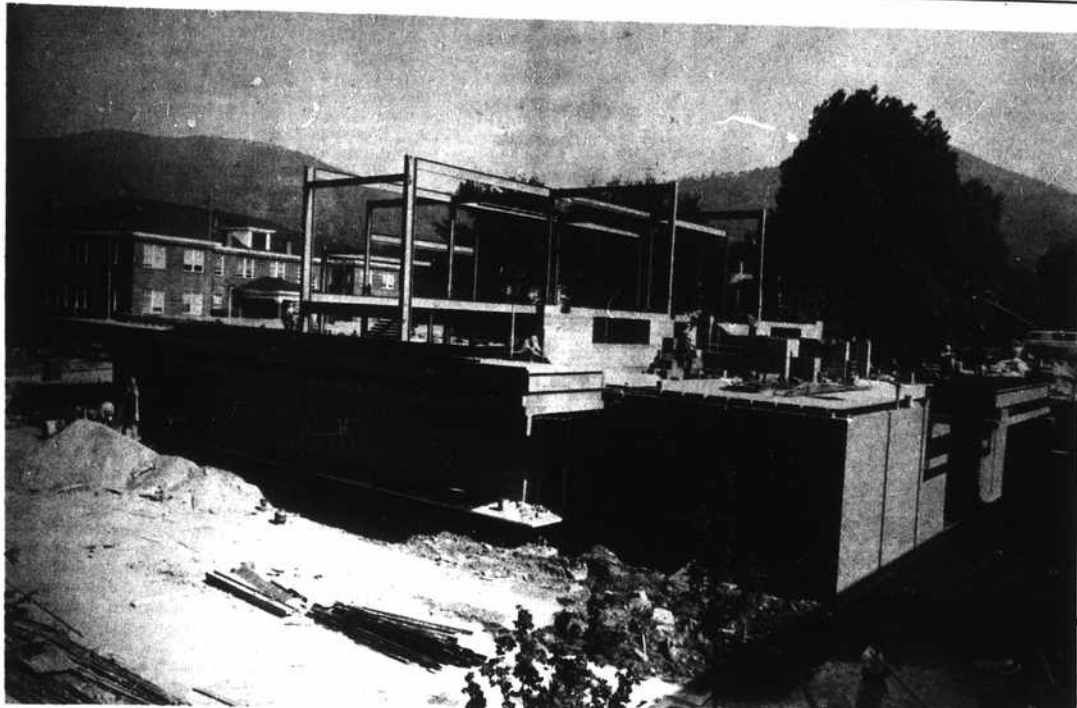
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TAKING SHAPE—ASU's new split-level Book Store, being built at a cost of about \$400,000, is steadily taking shape beside the W. H. Plemmons Student Center. The structure is due to be completed by February.

A Week Ahead Of Schedule

Town's \$925,000 Sewer Plant Now In Operation

Can Provide For City Of Over 10,000

A sewer plant costing over \$925,000 and capable of providing service for more than 10,000 people began operation last Thursday and engineers say it is the largest and most modern plant of its type in the area.

The plant is designed to treat all types of sewage. Equipment such as a commutator for shredding solid sewage, a detraner for scooping out the solid material and a high rate trickling filter are a few of the pieces used to scientifically treat the waste material.

Sewage at the station located on Daniel Boone Drive in Boone, can be pumped through the plant's four large pumps at an average rate of 1.8 million gallons a day. Peak flow for the pumps is 3 million gallons, while the average flow for the Boone area is only 500,000 gallons a day.

After passing through the pumping station, sewage enters a primary tank where solid material is allowed to settle to the bottom. It is then scraped off. The water then goes to a unit looking something like a lawn sprinkler.

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The high rate trickling filter is a circular pit 109 feet across filled 8 feet deep with fist-sized rocks. On these rocks grow a type of bacteria capable of destroying the types of bacteria found in sewage water. Waste water is poured over and through the rocks. After treatment in the trickling filter, the water enters a secondary tank where solid waste can settle to the bottom. By this time any solid material left in the water is very fine.

Water is piped from the secondary tank to the chlorine contact chamber where the purifying chemical is added at a dosage recommended by the state and adjusted by several instruments located in the laboratory. After passing through the contact chamber the water is clean and pure and is emptied into the South Fork of New River.

According to Sonny Bullard, an inspector with Moore-Gardner Engineers, the water passed into New River is no different from the water already there. He added that most people have a misconception about a sewage treatment operation. "People think that this is a nasty, smelly, dirty job," he said. "After waste is treated, there's not a thing wrong with it."

Solid waste matter stays with the plant much longer than do liquids. After solid material is taken from the water it is dumped into a "holding hopper" where samples are studied in the lab to determine the amount and type of treatment necessary. Lime is usually added to the solid waste in the hopper before it is pumped to a huge digester measuring 60 feet in diameter and almost 100 feet deep.

In the digester the waste is heated to a constant 80 degrees, which Bullard says helps the material to give off its gaseous waste sooner. After lengthy treatment in the digester the sludge is pumped into sand filled drying boxes where it dries in the sun and open air. The material is poured four to five inches thick and dries to a cake about a inch and a half thick.

Bullard said this cake is completely treated and is not in anyway contaminated. He commented that some sewage disposal plants, notably on the



LAST DAY OF SCHOOL? With children pouring over the railing and running out the doors, the Appalachian Elementary School has just started. Actually it's just ended and these youngsters at the Appalachian Elementary School are leaving the building after the first day of school. Dr. W. G. Anderson, school principal, reported that opening day business went well and said that 885 children attended first-day classes. (Staff photo)

Viverette Is Named Head Of State REA Corp.

Cecil E. Viverette, general manager of Blue Ridge Electric Membership Corporation of Lenoir, was elected in Raleigh as new president of North Carolina Electric Membership Corporation.

N.C. EMC is the bargaining and negotiating organization of North Carolina's electric cooperatives. Viverette was picked to head the organization at the conclusion of a three-day meeting of N. C. EMC and Tarheel Electric Membership Association in Raleigh August 22. A leader in the area served by Blue Ridge, Viverette is a past president of Tarheel Electric.

Blue Ridge EMC, largest electric cooperative in the state and one of the largest in the nation, serves 23,000 consumer-owners in Alexander, Alleghany, Ashe, Caldwell, Watauga and Wilkes counties.

Red Cross Board Will Meet Friday

The Board of Directors of the Watauga Chapter of the American Red Cross will hold its regular meeting at the Cardinal Restaurant Friday at noon. All members are urged to attend.

Horn In West Closes; Expects \$2,500 Profit

A profit of about \$2,500 is expected to be realized when the final bookwork of the 1968 Horn In The West season is completed within the next few weeks.

The outdoor drama ended its summer productions last Saturday night with a total of 30,051 paid admissions for an average of 631.3 persons per performance. The attendance figure was 2,644 above the 1967 total, although the drama played on six more dates (55) last summer than in 1968.

Watauga Republican Chairman Cecil Miller announced Tuesday that the local GOP will officially open its 1968 campaign Saturday, Sept. 7, with an all-day open house and picnic featuring Congressman James Broyhill.

Miller said the county headquarters will be located in downtown Boone, in the building formerly occupied by Toed & Higgins Service Station.

County Schools Have Total 4,122 Students

A total of 4,122 students were enrolled in Watauga County Schools by the end of the second school day. This is an increase of 99 students over the second day of the 1967-68 school term. Of the eight elementary

schools, only three registered fewer than the comparative number for the year before. Cove Creek Elementary had 15 less than its 67-68 number, Green Valley had 18 less and Valle Crucis showed a decrease of 15.

Appalachian Elementary picked up an additional 73 students for a total of 907. Other increases were Bethel, 6; Blowing Rock, 12; Mabel, 10; and Parkway, 19.

Enrollment at Watauga High School is 1,212, which reflects an increase of 28 students over the 67-68 figures for the second day of the term. The trainable mentally retarded class has seven enrolled this year—a decrease of one student from the previous school year.

Elementary schools enrollments of 2,910 are broken down by: Bethel, 181; Blowing Rock, 280; Cove Creek, 364; Green Valley, 290; Mabel, 213; Parkway, 436; and Valle Crucis, 232 for 1968-69. The total includes the trainable class of seven.

Buses ran on schedule and authorities commented that this was one of the better first days of school. Boone Police Chief Red Lyons said that traffic ran "better than expected".

One teaching vacancy on the elementary level was reported by the county school board.

Election Dates September 6-16

Farmers Are Reminded To Vote; Community Nominees Listed



GEORGE C. WALLACE

Farmers today got a last-minute reminder from office manager Roy W. Isley about the ASC elections to be held Sept. 6-16.

These elections are to select ASC farmer-committeemen who will serve for the 1969 year as local administrators of the National Farm - Agriculture Program.

Ballots will be mailed to all eligible voters on record and anyone who does not receive a ballot should request one from

the ASCS office. The ASC committees have charge of the local field administration of the Burley Altomater Program; the Agricultural Conservation Program; the Wool Incentive Program; the Wheat Program; and the Feed Grain Program. Various other duties and programs are assigned by the Secretary of Agriculture as needs arise.

Any person may vote in the election if he or she is of legal voting age, is a farm owner,

operator, tenant or shareholder; and is taking part or is eligible to participate in any of the farm programs administered by the committee.

A person who is in charge of the entire farming operations of a farm is eligible even if not of legal voting age. A person may vote only once and may vote in the community where he lives or has an interest in a farm.

Ballots will be publicly counted at the ASCS Office Sept. 20. The nominee who receives the most votes in each community will serve as the chairman; the second most votes, vice-chairman; third most votes, regular member; and fourth and fifth place will serve as alternates. The three regular community committeemen will meet at the county convention on Sept. 25, and select a three-year county committeeman and two alternates.

The chairman and vice-chairman for 1969 also will be selected. Incumbent community committeemen met Friday, Aug. 23, and drew up a slate of nominees. The county committeemen met Monday, Aug. 26, to complete the slate of nominees for the mail election ballots. The slate of nominees for each community follows:

Beaver Dam: Howard Cable, Glyde Cornett, George P. Edmisten, Jesse Moore, Dudley Norris, Linville Norris, Harmon Presnell, Robert Warren and Fred Winebarger.

Brushy Fork: Coy Billings, Lonnie Henson, Custer Hicks, Jack W. Hicks, Howard J. Hodges, A. Y. Howell and Joe McNeil.

Cove Creek: Herbert Greer, Ralph Greer, Jack Henson, Burl Lawrence, J. T. Mast, Audie Presnell and J. C. Winebarger.

Laurel Creek: Frank Cable, Leonard Ward, Charles Glenn, Ned Glenn, Graydon Hagaman, Bill Harmon, John Presnell and Roosevelt V. Presnell.

Labor Shortage Halts Projects

A shortage of available labor, plus the maze of construction projects currently underway in the Boone area, have led to a host of problems concerning proposed additions on the campus of Appalachian State University.

The institution advertised for bids Aug. 15 for a paving and landscaping project for which \$150,000 has been appropriated. "Not a single bid was received," said ASU Director of Business Affairs Ned Trivette, who cited an extreme labor shortage as the prime reason.

Eight days ago, the university received bids for the construction of eight additional tennis courts for which \$40,000 had been appropriated. The low bid was in excess of \$87,000.

Will Ratify Fund Budget

A meeting of the membership of the Watauga County United Fund has been called for noon Thursday, Aug. 29, at the Cardinal Restaurant.

The purpose of the meeting, according to Fund President Jerry Moretz, will be to ratify the budget and adopt by-laws. It will be a dutch luncheon.

Most Stores To Close Labor Day

Most downtown businesses will close in observance of Labor Day Monday, according to a spot survey taken by the Watauga Democrat.

Most local businesses answered with a definite no when asked if they would be open, however some firms apparently considered remaining open. One business wondered "What are the others doing?"

The Crest Store indicated that they will remain open for business on Labor Day.

Watauga Rally For Wallace Next Saturday

A local county-wide organizational meeting and rally will be held in Watauga County for Volunteers for Presidential candidate George C. Wallace.

The meeting will be held at the Watauga High School Saturday August 31 at 7:30 p.m. The main speaker will be the State Chairman of the American Party of North Carolina, Reid Stubbs of Charlotte and the State office of the Wallace campaign. The purpose of this meeting is to get workers and volunteers to organize and carry out the campaign in Watauga County.

The public is invited to attend.

Blowing Rock Needs Recreation Director

Applications are now being accepted for a part-time recreation director for the Town of Blowing Rock.

Anyone interested should send his resume to the Rev. Richard Holshouser, Blowing Rock, N.C.

Craftsmen Of 4 Counties To Show At Blowing Rock

Craftsmen from Watauga, Avery, Mitchell and Yancey counties will display their handiwork at the second annual Blue Ridge Heartside Crafts Fair in the Blowing Rock City Park Saturday, Aug. 31.

The Blowing Rock Art Show will be held in the park at the same time and craftsmen and artists will be there to greet the public. Frank Proffitt Jr.

who is well known for his dulcimer making and playing will demonstrate his art and other craftsmen plan to bring crafts items that they have never before shown.

Handmade dolls, sweaters, bonnets and aprons; carved toys, animals and candleholders; wooden bowls and picture frames, honey suckle baskets, broomsage and broomcorn

brooms, and quilts in many patterns and styles, are just a few of the crafts that will be featured. Standard mountain toys also will be sold.

Art displays and crafts booths will open at 9 a.m. Saturday. The fair is sponsored by the Blue Ridge Heartside Crafts Association with the cooperation of the Blowing Rock Chamber of Commerce and Parks Commission.

Shawneehaw: W. Fate Baird, Will Byrd, Clyde J. Eggers, Russell Farthing, Lee Ward and Arlen Yates.

Stony Fork: J. L. Coffey, Sr., Doc Cox, W. B. Day, Don Hayes, Vester O. Phillips and W. H. Stanberry.

Watauga: H. O. Aldridge, Spencer Aldridge, George Byrd, Don Cook, Robert W. Greene, Arlie B. Hodges, Claude Garland, Jeff Shook and Tom Ward.

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