

BOONE WEATHER				
1968	Hi	Lo	Snow	Prec.
Sept. 17	69	49		
Sept. 18	65	52	tr.	72 49
Sept. 19	67	52	13	72 54
Sept. 20	73	65	tr.	75 53
Sept. 21	75	55		72 55
Sept. 22	75	45		62 56
Sept. 23	78	43		— 40

## Jim Gardner To Speak Here Tuesday Night

Jim Gardner, Republican candidate for Governor, will be in Watauga County next Tuesday night to give a speech.

Wednesday morning, Oct. 2, he will tour the county and that afternoon he will be in Boone to meet and greet voters.

Howard Poindexter, Gardner chairman here, said he did not have specific information by presstime. Further information can be had from him at night or by calling Republican Headquarters in the daytime.

## Bob Bingham In Race For State YDC Post

H. Pat Taylor Jr., Democratic nominee for Lt. Governor, will be the keynote speaker at the opening of the Young Democratic State Convention in Fayetteville Thursday through Saturday.

Approximately 1000 young Democrats from western North Carolina and the rest of the State will attend. The following State-wide political leaders have notified convention officials that they plan to attend some of the sessions: Former Gov. Terry Sanford; Lt. Gov. Bob Scott, Democratic nominee for Governor; Pat Taylor; Robert Morgan, candidate for Attorney General; Henry Bridges, State Auditor; Sen. Sam Ervin; Voit Gilmore, Democratic nominee for Congress; Sam Poole, National Chairman of Young People for Humphrey; and Spencer Oliver, president of the Young Democratic Clubs of America.

This year has a spirited race for the YDC presidency with Charles G. Rose III of Fayetteville and Bob Bingham of Boone as candidates. Both come from the same faction of the YDC that has long dominated YDC politics.

## Area Governor Of Rotary To Visit Boone

Charles A. Hunter of Charlotte, district governor of Rotary, will visit the Boone Rotary Club Thursday, October 10.

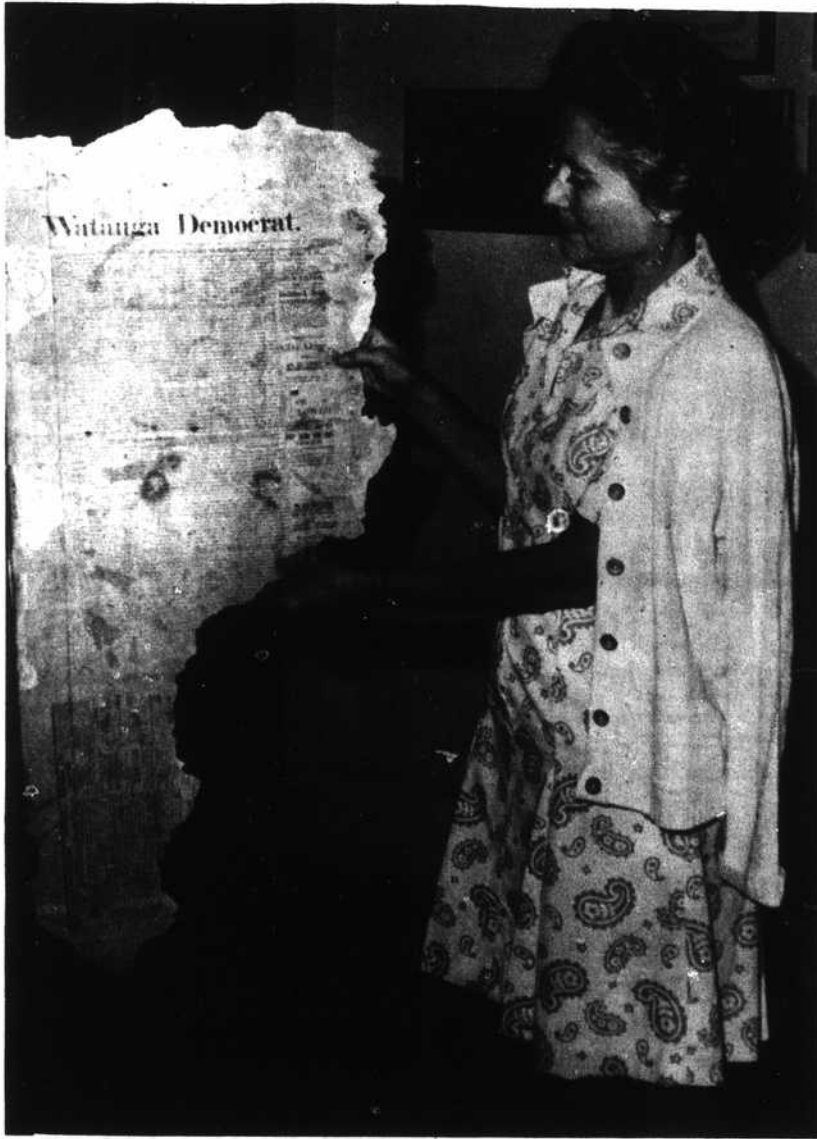
He will address the club at the regular meeting at 6:30 p.m. at the Cardinal Restaurant. He will confer with Ralph Be-shars, president, and with other officials of the club to discuss with them the group's plans for its service activities and to offer suggestions on Rotary administrative matters.

Mr. Hunter is a member and past president of the Charlotte Rotary Club. He is Executive Vice-President of Hunter Jersey Farms, Inc., and is President of Registered Funds, Inc. He was nominated by this Rotary district and was officially elected at the International Rotary Convention in Mexico City, Mexico, and will serve through June 30, 1969.

Although a seasoned Rotarian before his election, Mr. Hunter attended an eight-day International Assembly last May at Lake Placid, N.Y., at which all upcoming district governors attended in-depth seminars in preparation for fulfilling responsibilities of their positions. One of his biggest jobs will be to conduct a district conference of all Rotary Clubs in District 767 next April.



CHARLES A. HUNTER



Displaying a nearly whole front page of the Watauga Democrat from 1888 is Mrs. John F. Greene of Boone. The piece, backed by several layers of wall paper, turned up during the renovation of an old home in the county. (Staff photo)

## Ancient Newspaper Tells Of Hatfield, McCoy Feuds

The front page of the Wednesday, Sept. 26, Watauga Democrat bore a report of a battle between the McCoy's of West Virginia and the Hatfields of Kentucky.

That was in 1888 as Mrs. John F. Greene of Boone learned when some renovations were being made in the old Alex Greene home a week ago Saturday. She started to have a surface under the staircase paneled over but had a curiosity as to what was under the present wall paper covering.

As she stripped away the paper, which was six or seven layers thick, she noticed a newspaper backing. Inspecting it more closely she found the staircase area had been lined with newspaper and two pieces formed almost the entire front page, Sept. 26, 1888 of the Watauga Democrat. She also peeled off other bits of aged journalism.

Asking an older member of her family about it, Mrs. Greene was told, "I don't know. That was the year I was born." Democrat Publisher Rob Rivers said the newspaper files include very few issues from the late 1800's and the one Mrs. Greene found was among the missing. What copies were available have been micro-filmed, however, along with is-

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### Dr. Barden Is Glad To Be Numbered As Student

Dr. John G. Barden, who retired from Appalachian State University a year ago in July, says "It's wonderful to be numbered among the student body."

"I've looked forward to the time when I could take the course and this is the first opportunity I've had."

Dr. Barden taught education at both the graduate and undergraduate levels for 23 years at Appalachian. He says his hobbies now include woodworking and that he may put a shop in his home.

He and Mrs. Barden also enjoy weaving and flower and vegetable gardening.

### 2,185 Steers Sold For \$352,000

The largest number of steer cattle ever assembled in Watauga County was sold Thursday, Sept. 19, at the Watauga Livestock Market in the first 1968 Boone Yearling Steer Sale.

A total of 2,185 steers was sold into North Carolina and nearby states. Some went as far as northwest Indiana.

The cattle were graded by the official graders into four groups and were penned according to grade, weight and breed.

The top price paid for a pen of steers was \$27.20 cwt. The total sale amounted to more than \$352,000. The grades and number of cattle per grade were 258, choice; 854, good; 780, medium; and 293, common.

## Kickoff Monday Morning Watauga United Fund Aiming At \$20,541 Goal

### Hickory Man Is Speaker At Local Breakfast

The Watauga County United Fund campaign for 1968 to raise a record amount of \$20,541 began Monday morning.

A kickoff breakfast was held at the Gateway Restaurant and some 20 volunteer workers were there to get campaign materials for the drive expected to last about three weeks.

Mark Hodges and Wade Wilmoth are co-chairman of the campaign and have been preparing for some time for the drive to raise money for some 15 local agencies. The goal was set in late August by directors of the Fund.

Wilmoth, a past president of the Watauga United Fund, spoke to the group briefly, posing the question, "Why are you here?" He said "We all have a common goal to reach in the next few days," and urged campaign workers to stress the fact that most of the money collected in the county is used locally.

Hodges explained the materials in the campaign packets and the procedure for soliciting contributions and properly recording donations and/or pledges.

Oscar Anderson of Hickory spoke on the publicity the Fund is to receive through national magazines and television and radio networks.

A worker with Carolinas United, Anderson presented an audio-visual program of situations and attitudes found in solicitation. He said workers

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## Harry Golden Will Speak At University

Harry Golden of Charlotte, noted author and social critic who for the past 26 years has been editor and publisher of the Carolina Israelite, will speak next Tuesday at Appalachian State University's Fall Convocation.

Golden's topic will be "Only in America" for the 10 a.m.



HARRY GOLDEN



THE REGISTRATION TABLES KEPT HUMMING—There was never a dull moment around the fall quarter registration desks in Varsity Gym Thursday and Friday when a record number of students enrolled at Appalachian.

## Pep Rally Draws 2,000

## Gay Air Pervades Start Classes At University

Students comprising Appalachian's largest on-campus enrollment, which had passed the 5,200 mark early this week, began fall quarter classes Monday.

The academic year began with a little more confusion than usual, mainly because there were more first year students frantically running here and there looking for a classroom building which was identified only by initials on their registration cards.

The new modern library, the recently completed Varsity Gymnasium, and four new residence halls were put in immediate use; although three of the dormitories have yet to be 100 per cent occupied.

The quarter began on a bright spirited note as Friday's completion of registration was met by the first pep rally which drew well over 2,000. The gay air continued into the first of the week in the wake of perfect weather and a 55-14 opening game victory by the university's football team.

The year actually began Tuesday of last week for ASU's 308 faculty members as they and their spouses were treated to a dinner in the University Cafeteria. On Wednesday, at the year's first general faculty meeting, the address was presented by William B. Rankin of Lincolnton, a member of Appalachian's Board of Trustees and the institution's representative on the Board of Higher Education.

Faculty meetings by colleges and departmental meetings also were conducted on Wednesday, with orientation of new faculty members taking place Thursday morning prior to open house observances at the library, gym, Dougherty Administration Building, the Kerr Scott Industrial Arts Building Addition and new wing of I.G. Greer Hall.

The Friday night pep rally

## Boone, Blowing Rock Get \$39,133 Powell Bill Funds

Watauga County towns have been allotted \$39,133.35 for State Street aid under provisions of the Powell Bill, State Highway Commission Chairman J.M. Hunt, Jr. announced last week. Boone gets \$27,078.23 based

on the 1960 census of 3,686 and 31.59 miles of non-highway system streets.

Blowing Rock earned \$12,055.12, on a 1960 population of 711 and a non-highway system street mileage of 18.71.

The checks were mailed in time to be delivered by October 1.

In all \$10,415,342.87 was allotted to towns and cities. This represents funds equal to the amount produced by one-half cent of the regular six cents per gallon motor fuel tax levied by the State which is returned annually to participating municipalities in proportional shares based on relative non-State system street mileage and on the relative populations of each of the municipalities.

Towns and cities qualifying for participation do so by submitting detailed information each year to the Highway Commission concerning ad valorem taxes, other sources of revenue, budget ordinances and local elections. Some legally incorporated towns do not participate in the Powell Bill Program simply because they do not perform the necessary municipal functions required under the law.

During the 18-year history of the Powell Bill Program, a total of \$128,676,160.42 has been returned to the municipalities for use on local streets.

## Watauga Installment Debt \$4 Million

How much does the average family in Watauga County owe in the form of installment debt?

To what extent do local people use the buy now, pay later plan in their purchases of automobiles, dishwashers, furniture and other durable goods?

In recent years, locally and in most other communities across the country, there has been a steady growth in installment debt.

In the first six months of

this year, alone, the overall increase has been nearly seven percent, according to Federal Reserve Board and Commerce Department figures. It indicates a pronounced rise in consumer spending. The two go hand-in-hand. When spending picks up, so does the use of credit.

As of the middle of this year, the reports show, installment credit in the nation reached \$80 billion as compared with \$75 billion on January 1st.

It was equivalent, on the aver-

age, to nearly 15 cents out of every dollar of family income, after taxes.

In Watauga County, installment debt at midyear came to an estimated \$960 per family, based on the national findings and on average earnings and expenditures locally.

That was the average amount. However, some families have no debt at all so that, among those that do, the per family figure is somewhat higher.

For the local population: as

a whole, installment debt totaled approximately \$4,701,000 on July 1st.

This includes automobile loans, credit on purchases of other consumer goods, personal loans and loans for home repair and modernization. Excluded are mortgage debt, charge accounts and single payment loans.

The amount of debt, it is noted, varies from family to family but bears a direct relationship to income, in most

cases. Local buying habits and consumer attitudes are also factors.

In general, over \$1 out of \$7 of net income, after taxes, is going into repayments of these installment debts.

In Watauga County, it comes to approximately \$80 per month per family, on average.

Are credit men worried? Not at all. They know that people are earning more than before and, therefore, can handle the bigger debt load.