

WATAUGA DEMOCRAT ELECTION SERVICE

Duties Voting Officials Told; Registrars Are Listed

Elections in Watauga County are conducted and supervised, as in all counties in North Carolina, by a three-man county election board. These men are appointed by the State Board of Elections from names submitted by leaders of the political parties in each county.

In Watauga, J. D. Winebarger serves as chairman and Stacy Eggers and John Bingham complete the board. According to state election laws no member of the county board may be a candidate for public office while he serves on the board.

For their services, board members are remunerated at the rate of \$15 a day for the days they perform their duties. The county commissioners may pay the chairman of the board at a higher rate. All funds for payment of election officials come from the county's General Fund.

The board meets nine Saturdays before the primary election in order to be sworn into office and elect a chairman. A regular meeting is held two weeks later to appoint precinct officials. The chairman may call a meeting at any time.

Among the duties of the board are to appoint precinct officials,

board clerks and ballot counters; to investigate irregularities in election proceedings; to establish and redefine election precincts; to review petitions and nominating papers; to have ballots and sample ballots printed; to publicize elections; and to prepare an election budget for submission to the County Board of Commissioners.

They may also call for a new registration of voters at any time and they must pass on all civilian absentee ballots.

Each precinct has its own officials as prescribed by law and appointed by the county board.

A registrar and two judges are appointed for each polling place. In addition, other necessary assistants may be appointed to help on election day.

These appointments are made from a list submitted to the board by the county party chairmen and are good for two years. Registrars are paid \$15 a day for their work on election day and judges receive \$10. They are also paid for each day they attend meetings called by the county chairman.

The registrar is responsible for registering citizens who wish to vote. One judge must maintain the poll books with the names of all voters registered to vote at that precinct. These officials are required to conduct the elections in an orderly manner.

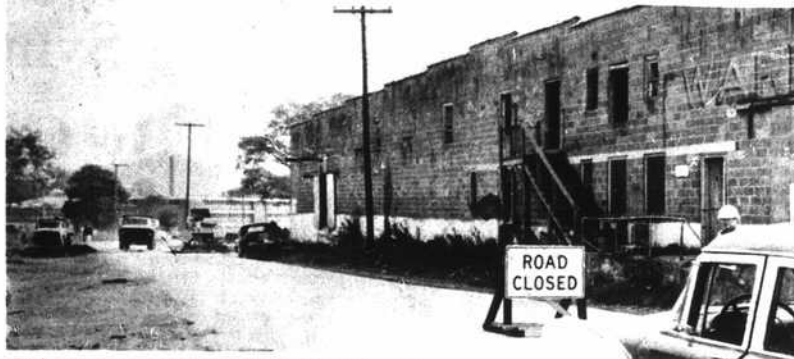
Assistants may be appointed to help precinct officials if deemed necessary. Usual guides for appointing assistants are use of voting machines and the number of people registered to vote in a particular precinct. Watauga County uses no voting machines.

The following are registrars for Watauga County voting precincts: John Ragan (Bald Mountain), Tracy Bartlett (Beaver Dam), Daniel Klutz (Blowing Rock), Rodney Greene (Blue Ridge), Jewell Mast (Boone), Bennie Baird (Brushy Fork), Jack Henson (Cove Creek), Glenn Triplett (Elk), Doughton Tester (Laurel Creek), Tom Council (New River), Walter South (North Fork), Joe Burkett (Meat Camp #1), Ron Ragan (Meat Camp #2), Ed Chapell (Shawneehaw), William Moretz (Stony Fork), and Arlie Hodges (Watauga).

Each party and each independent candidate may have two watchers at each precinct to observe the conduct of the election. These watchers are appointed by county party chairmen and must be approved by the precinct registrar and judges.

The registrar and judges may reject any watcher for any good reason and another may be appointed. Chairman Winebarger noted previously that county Democrats seldom have watchers located at the polling precincts.

The local election board office is located in the county jail since the court house is not complete. Those interested in registering may go to the registrar of their respective precincts.



TRAFFIC IS DETOURED at the Depot Street-Faculty Street intersection as construction on the Faculty Street improvement and widening continues. The road will be widened to the right in this picture taking some 15 feet off the front of the warehouse on the right, according to the construction worker at the "Road Closed" sign. He said that the schedule is uncertain but noted that the widening at the warehouse site will be done near the end of the project. (Staff photo)

Chamber Commerce News

Those Chamber of Commerce members who did not attend the Tuesday meeting at the Cardinal Restaurant missed a good program given by Herman Wilcox on the projected development of Howard's Knob.

Wilcox presented James K. Weaver Sr., president of Howard's Knob, Inc., who gave a description of the overall plan. David A. Rawley, director of public relations for the venture, discussed the value of the development to the town of Boone and the area in general.

The corporation's architect also was there and presented a three-dimensional drawing of the proposed 350-room hotel included in the development. Some of the features will be inside parking in the basement of the building and a pent house and revolving restaurant on top of the building. The value of the facility for convention use was stressed.

We had a capacity group in attendance and it was necessary to add additional tables.

The New River Valley Development Association met Monday, Oct. 14, at Shatley Springs in Ashe County. A report will be given next week.

We welcome our new Chamber of Commerce member of the week: John T. Austin, Route 4, Box 66, Boone.



News Items From Trade

Recent visitors with Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Miller and Mr. Will Wallace have been Mr. and Mrs. Frank Rash, Mr. and Mrs. Mack Thomas, Mr. and Mrs. Russell Garland and son Donald, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Bumgardner, Mrs. Andy Price and son Jeffrey of Trade, Mr. and Mrs. Bill McGlamery of Shouns, Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Greene and son Larry of West Jefferson and Mr. Albert Miller of Meat Camp.

Mr. Lane Thomas underwent surgery recently at Memorial Hospital, Johnson City, Tenn.

Mrs. Ted Welch and daughter Katrina of Trade and Miss Mary Easter of Zionville visited Monday at Banner Elk.

Mr. Hayes Mast spent several days at Blowing Rock Hospital, Blowing Rock.

Mrs. Ernest Rash is a patient at Baptist Hospital, Winston-Salem.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Osborne and Mrs. Delmer Mock visited Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Grey Johnson and Misses Sallie Louise Thomas and Ethel Haymes in Hickory.

Mrs. Jean May recently spent several days with relatives at West Palm Beach, Fla.

Mr. Arlie Mains underwent surgery at Watauga Hospital, Boone, last week.

Mr. Edd Bumgardner of West Palm Beach, Fla. is visiting Miss Lula Bumgardner, Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Snyder, Rev. and Mrs. Glenn South and other relatives here for several days.

Mrs. Clint Thomas is improving at her home after a long illness.

Mr. and Mrs. Ira Scott of Beaver Dam visited Wednesday with Mrs. Delmer Mock and Mrs. Herman Osborne.

Mrs. Raymond Warren and Mrs. Jay Chappell of Mountain City, Tenn., Mrs. Earleen Bumgardner and Miss Lula Bumgardner of Trade, Rev. Virgil Booher of Mountain City, Rev. Richard Hale of Bristol and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Wilson and children of Hudson visited recently with Mr. and Mrs. Fred Wilson.

DEFROSTING PAYS
One Surry County homemaker reports her freezer is operating much better and keeping cooler temperatures since she defrosted it.

This may explain why some homemakers prefer a frost-free freezer; they have no worries about maintaining the zero degree storage temperature that is a must for proper frozen food storage.

"It also explains why defrosting an ordinary freezer annually is so important," adds Mrs. Lydia R. Taylor, assistant home economics Extension agent, Surry County.

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NAMED TO UN POST
President Johnson has nominated James Russell Wiggins to represent the United States in the United Nations. Wiggins, replacing George W. Ball who resigned, was editor and executive vice president of the Washington Post.

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