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Apr. 1	61	25			55	43	
Apr. 2	63	49			50	21	
Apr. 3	73	49			61	35	
Apr. 4	49	30			64	44	
Apr. 5	68	52			59	47	
Apr. 6	56	46	.15		57	32	
Apr. 7	72	27			64	42	



**BOARD OF EDUCATION SWORN IN**—Before electing John H. Hollar its chairman that night, the new Watauga County Board of Education is seen Monday morning as Orville Foster, Clerk of Court, administers the oath of office. From left, the board members are James Marsh, Hugh Hagaman (the only member carried over from the old board), Edsel Cook, Hollar and S. C. Eggers Sr. Starting Tuesday night, the board is holding discussions on applicants for Superintendent of Schools. The post is filled in the interim by Willis Moretz, federal programs director for Watauga Schools. All applicants for the superin-

tendency have been interviewed. The May primary ballot for the November non-partisan election of the board carried the names of 18 candidates. One candidate had withdrawn after announcing. The primary voting placed 10 on the November ballot. These five men will serve until December of 1970, dropping four months of the two-year term in order to comply with a law that boards of education take office in that month. The next board will then serve the full two years. (Flowers photo)

## Blair Suggests New Ordinance

# Parking Cases Fail To Stand Up In Court Test

Stacy Eggers Brief Agreed To By Judge

BY LARRY G. JULIAN

The Town of Boone has lost its fight to enforce parking regulations in the business district following a court battle to prosecute six people charged with failure to pay final notices for overparking.

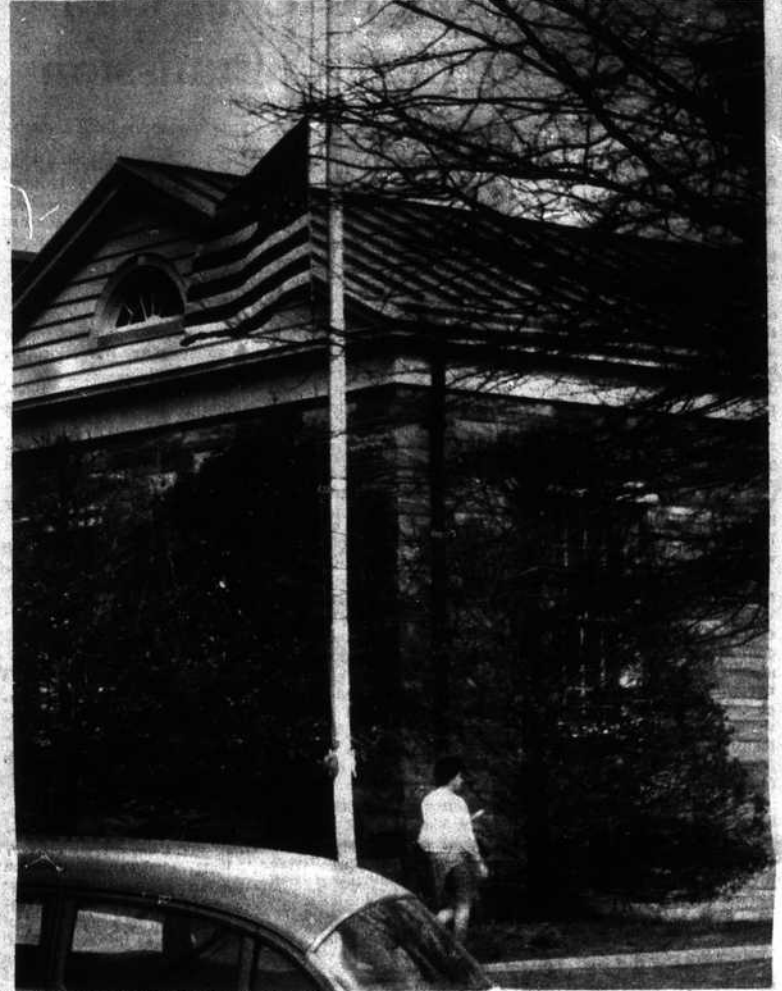
Chief District Judge J. Ray Braswell agreed with a brief submitted to him by attorney Stacy C. Eggers Jr., which claimed that the town had been using parking meters to gain revenue rather than to regulate parking on the streets.

In his brief, Eggers cited several case precedents which backed up his theory. One was State vs. Scoggins in which the North Carolina Supreme Court ruled that the lawfulness of parking for lesser periods than the meter allowed rested not on the demands of public convenience and necessity, but rather on the amount of money deposited in the meter.

The high court further said that it would be unlawful for parking to depend on the amount of money deposited and added that the law must regulate the maximum a driver can park his car on the street.

Braswell said, "North Carolina courts, below the level of the North Carolina Court of Appeals, do not render written explanations of their judgments. This Court has no intention of attempting to alter this well-established practice which is supported by good and logical reasons."

However, he offered a written memorandum of the reason (Continued on page two)



**AT HALF MAST**—The nation's flags will be at half mast for two more weeks by order of President Nixon after the death of General Dwight D. Eisenhower. The World War II hero died at the age of 78 two weeks ago and was buried in Abilene, Kan., last Wednesday. (Staff photo)



Making an acquaintance with the prize bunny is Patty Jones, who found 11 of the nine dozen eggs hidden on the Boone Playground. James Hastings, originator of the egg hunt, looks on.

## Easter Bunny, No Less, Is Top Prize Easter Egg Hunt

The Easter Bunny, himself traditional provider, dyer and hider of colored eggs for Easter—was the top prize in a town-wide egg hunt Sunday.

The pink-eyed, cuddly rabbit was presented to little Miss Patty Jones, daughter of the Clyde Joneses of Boone, after an estimated 65 boys and girls had combed every square inch of the Boone Playground.

James Hastings, director of the Boone Parks and Recreation Department, said he will sponsor the event again next year, providing more eggs and more prizes. Of the 108 eggs that Hastings and Mark and Pat Hodges had squirreled away, Miss Jones found 11.

Children who found as many as four eggs a piece were awarded chocolate covered bunnies.

The eggs were secreted on, behind, under and in all feasible places before the 3 o'clock hunt started. Children up to the age of 10 collected the eggs in bags, baskets, pockets and bare hands around bushes, picnic tables and equipment under sunny skies. One youngster even plucked an egg from so unlikely an egg-cover as the playground drinking fountain.

Having exhausted the suspicious looking places, many of the estimated 65 children indulged in some sliding, swinging, and seesawing.



Enjoying her first Easter egg hunt, little Roseanne Kuntt, two-year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Kuntt of Boone, heads off with her basket. (Staff photo)

## Governor Asks Funds For County Airport

North Carolina Governor Robert W. Scott has thrown his support behind the drive to establish an airport in Watauga County.

In a letter to David Kalley, Chief of the Airports Branch of the Federal Aviation Agency's Atlanta office, Scott

said that he wished to indicate his interest and support in the proposed facility.

He called the Boone-Blowing Rock area on "one of the fastest growing areas of North Carolina."

New real estate developments (Continued on page two)

## Bloodmobile Coming April 28

The Red Cross Bloodmobile will be at East Hall on the ASU campus, Monday, April 28 from 11 a. m. to 4:30 p. m.

Due to many short collections in the past two weeks, the inventory at the blood center is running low. Mrs. Goldie Fletcher of the local ARC Chapter urges everyone to donate so that the 200 pints needed may be given.

## Named Region 5 Director Of Recreation

Ronald E. Whittaker, director of ASU's W. H. Flemmons Student Center was elected Region Five Recreation Director of the Association of College Unions at the recent 46th annual conference of the organization in Denver, Colo.

In his new post, Whittaker will plan and conduct the annual regional games tournament which is to be held next February in Charlotte. Winners of the tournament's different events—which include chess, bowling, billiards, bridge and table tennis—will go on to the national tournament.

Whittaker and Larry T. Nance, assistant director of Appalachian's student center, attended conference sessions which stressed the relationship of college union programs to the communities in which they operate. More than 800 delegates represented colleges and universities throughout the United States, Canada and several foreign nations at the conference which housed 43 program sessions.

## Stolen Car Is Recovered

Boone Police reported Monday the weekend theft of a car and said that the same car was recovered a few hours after it had been taken.

A 1962 Dodge registered to James Marion Mast was taken from the Greenview Trailer Park between 1 and 6 a. m. Sunday morning.

Chief Ed Harmon said he located the stolen car in the Greenview Baptist Church parking lot at 9:15 Sunday morning. Harmon said the keys had been left in the car. There were no clues to the identity of the thief.

Harmon emphasized the need for motorists to lock their cars at all times.

## NEW TAXES

The Governor has also said how he proposes to raise the extra money needed for his program. He has asked for a 5-cent tax on each pack of cigarettes, a 2-cent increase in the gasoline tax, added taxes on liquor, wine and beer, and additional taxes on banks, savings and loan associations, insurance premiums and others.

All in all, it is the toughest tax package ever handed to the State Legislature, and it promises to make the next 60 days extremely "hot" in Raleigh, regardless of the weather.

I plan to devote most of next week's report to the budget and tax proposals.

THE DEATH PENALTY

By the time you read this Report to the People, the House of Representatives will probably have voted on the bill to abolish capital punishment. It was due to be considered first on Tuesday of this week.

The present proposal would change the penalty for murder, rape, arson and burglary from death to life imprisonment. It also provides for new restrictions on parole of capital offenders, including such things as advance notice to the trial judge, the solicitor and the family of the person killed or raped. It would also require final approval by the Governor before a parole for a capital offender could be granted.

The proposed abolishment of the death penalty has faced every legislature in recent years, and it appears to be gaining strength.

## Holshouser Makes Report Would Enact Law To Limit Power Airport Commission

BY REP. JIM HOLSHOUSE

It has been nearly three months since the opening gavel sounded for the 1969 N. C. General Assembly, and only in the last few days has the legislative pace really moved into full swing. Reporters are already calling it one of the slowest sessions in recent history. Now that action is moving, however, I hope to come to you each week with a report from the State Legislature.

This is a session in which the legislature is faced with many problems—constitutional revisions, liquor by the drink proposal, proposed interest rate changes and others.

But the one consuming issue is the state budget.

Gov. Scott has presented his proposed changes in the budget, calling for increases of more than 100 million dollars in the General Fund, primarily for increases in teachers' salaries.

## C. of C. Membership Drive Is Continued

The Boone Chamber of Commerce will continue its membership drive through April, according to Gwyn Hayes, president.

He said further information may be had from Fred McNeal, manager of the Chamber, who also is collecting information for the organization's publication, the Boone Business and Professional Guide.

It now has the support of Gov. Bob Scott, Attorney General Bob Morgan, Earl Vaughn, Speaker of the House of Representatives, and Charles Taylor, House Minority Leader.

## HOME RULE

After several years of wrangling, the 1969 Legislature has finally taken the bull by the horns and has started the process of giving true "home rule" to local governments. Already enacted is an act giving County Commissioners the authority to pass ordinances in most areas of county government. City councils already had this authority.

Also in the legislative "hopper" are bills to allow County

Commissioners to set salaries of county employees, set times for regular meetings, and a number of other things which heretofore required local legislation by the General Assembly.

If the legislature does nothing more than pass these bills, it will have helped to modernize the legislative process by removing the need for about 75 per cent of the local bills previously required in every session. It should also be a big first step in bringing government closer to the people and in strengthening local government.

THE LAST SCHOOL BOARD BILL The legislature has breathed (Continued on page two)

## County Planning Board Is Named

The Watauga County Board of Commissioners Monday named a seven-member Planning Board to be in charge of zoning, water and sewer planning and other matters important to the county's future.

Five of the seven had been contacted and agreed to serve by Tuesday afternoon: Ned Trivette, Kays Gary, A. T. Adams, Jerry Adams and John Broynhill.

The new board will not use county revenue since funds for surveys are available from government agencies and such allotments do not require local

matching funds, according to Commissioner Kenneth Wilcox.

The new board will conduct an organizational meeting to decide on regular sessions. It will function by scouting out and recommending projects to the Commission, wherein the final decisions will be made.

Nominations were solicited from the chambers of commerce of Boone and Blowing Rock, the executive committees of the county Democratic and Republican organizations and Appalachian State University.

## United Fund To Elect Officers

Officers will be elected at the annual meeting of the Watauga County United Fund at noon Thursday at the Holiday Inn of Boone.

The luncheon will be Dutch treat.