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Jun. 3	65	48		78 58
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Jun. 5	75	59		78 65
Jun. 6	78	60		78 65
Jun. 7	83	66		71 61
Jun. 8	85	66		69 61
Jun. 9	78	58		71 61

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## 1,705 Names Now On Book

# Boone Voters To Name Mayor, Board Of Aldermen Tuesday

### Non-Partisan Ticket First In 40 Years

A total of 176 new registrations have swelled Boone voter lists to 1,705 voters who may participate in the town election Tuesday, June 17.

Registrar Fred L. Tarleton estimates that up to 200 of the registrants no longer would be eligible to vote in the contests for a new mayor and five members of the board of aldermen. Tarleton said that perhaps between 150 and 200 of the names represent voters who have moved away or have deceased. The book has not been purged in recent years.

The last municipal election on June 20, 1967, brought out a total of 1,180 voters.

Based on the heavy new registrations, voting on June 17 is expected to equal or exceed the 1967 total.

Tarleton reminded citizens that registration books closed last Saturday. And Saturday, June 14, will be challenge day from 9 a. m. to 3 p. m. at the town hall.

The upcoming election will be non-partisan for the first time in 40 years. It will pit a Democratic ticket led by former Mayor Gordon Winkler against a mixed field of seven Republican and Democratic candidates for the board seats and Democratic Town Alderman Hadley Wilson for mayor.

The Democratic ticket was nominated at the May 17 town convention before it was announced by Mayor Clyde Greene that the June election would be non-partisan. He explained that state election laws do not specify

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## Employment In Area Target Of Census Survey

A sample of residents of this area will be included in a nationwide survey of employment and unemployment to be conducted during the week of June 15 by the Bureau of the Census, U. S. Department of Commerce, according to Joseph R. Norwood, Director of the Bureau's regional office in Charlotte.

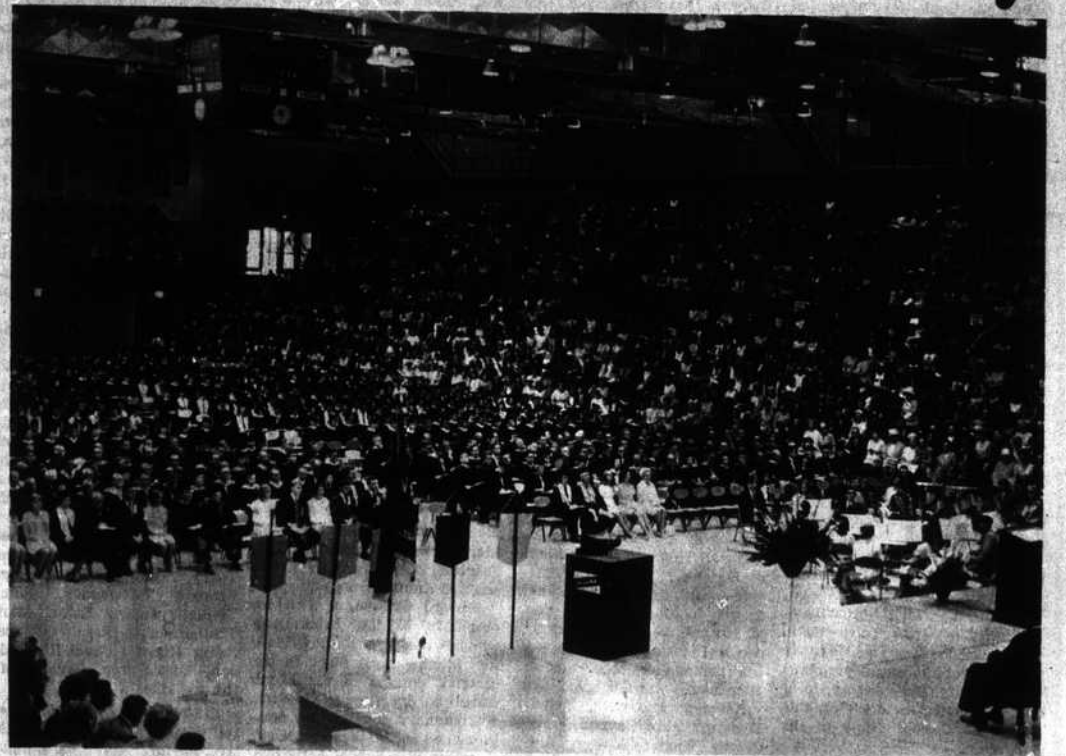
The monthly survey is conducted by the Bureau of the Census for the U. S. Department of Labor, and the information is used to calculate the number of persons with jobs, the number of people looking for jobs, and the monthly percentage of unemployment, which is regarded as one of the most important measures of the Nation's economic health.

The information is used for statistical purposes only, and facts about each family are kept completely confidential.

## Diplomas, Scholarships Awarded At Watauga High Commencement

Diplomas were awarded to 250 graduating seniors at Watauga High School Thursday night. It was the largest class ever to be graduated from the school.

The class also was the first group to complete all four years of its high school work in the new, consolidated school. Scene of the ceremony was the school gymnasium which was filled to its 2,600 seating capacity. The graduation exercise climaxed nearly a full day of final



ASU GRADUATION—This was the scene Friday morning as the huge Appalachian State University Varsity Gymnasium was filled to capacity during graduation exercises. This picture was taken as Frederick Durant III, president of the graduating class, offered parting words to the university on behalf of his classmates. (Staff photo)

## Plemmons Speaks Out Against Change By Force At Finals

Dr. William H. Plemmons, Appalachian State's soon-to-retire president, spoke against change by force Friday morning as he addressed 520 graduates at the University's commencement exercises attended by some 6,000 persons in Varsity Gymnasium.

"Change has become almost a watchword of your generation," Dr. Plemmons said, "And this is good for changes are examples of men matching their times and making their contributions to the future."

"All the changes that have taken place thus far simply tell us that our America and our world are but parts of unfinished business. And we prepare to promote the constant progress of this business. Are our capacities sufficient to meet the challenge? Is the preparation you have acquired adequate for such an age as this . . . an age which has rightfully been characterized as the gifted age."

"Some of us tend to become impatient and force the deliverances of change. There is no force so powerful as an idea whose time has come. Ideas are the ancestors of change. And change, conceived in the mind of man, is most lasting and most effective when achieved through the exercise of the democratic process."

"We can give a new birth to freedom. We can recreate another golden age. We can give movement and meaning to a 20th and 21st century renaissance. We cannot, however, expect to bring a better world into existence by force."

"Do your own thing, but be sure it is the right thing . . . the thing which should be done . . . and the thing you can do."

Bachelor of Science degrees were awarded to 762 seniors while 47 others obtained Bachelor of Arts degrees. Master of Arts degrees were conferred upon 110 students, and one received the certificate of Advanced Study.

The graduation total was a record figure for ASU.

## Plane Aloft, Sans Engine

Banner Elk—There was a minor traffic jam on Highway 194. The cause? An airplane with no engine.

Finally familiar with regular aircraft flying in and out of the swank new Carolina Caribbean Corporation airport here, Avery County people were momentarily puzzled by the sound-

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## Miss Watauga Competes In N.C. Beauty Event Tonight

Tonight's the night for Miss Watauga.

Sharon Lineau, Miss Watauga of 1969, will be competing in the talent division of the Miss North Carolina Pageant in Charlotte tonight (Thursday). Should she win the Miss N. C. title, it would mean a trip to Atlantic City, N. J., and a try at the Miss America crown.

Sharon is a blue-eyed miss from Raleigh who was picked from nine other contestants for the local crown last November. Her talent, then and tonight, is a folk song of her own composition.

No stranger to the beauty contest stage, she was winner of the Miss Apex High event in 1967 and a finalist in the Miss Wake County competition.

Sharon is five-foot-five, weight 130 pounds and is 20 years old.

She came to Boone last fall to enter Appalachian State University as a business major. She has since withdrawn from the University due to increased demands of her Miss Watauga title. She expects to return to school when her schedule is less pressing.

Sharon recently expressed her appreciation to the many Watauga firms that have helped her in preparation for tonight's competition.

She is promoting Watauga County and its tourist industry through a packet containing brochures and material about attractions here. A packet with "Compliments of Miss Watauga" stamped on it will be given to each of the more than 80 girls in the state contest.

The Boone Jaycees have been cited for having one of the top local pageants in North Carolina. Stuart Tugman was director of the pageant last fall and Glenn Hodges and George Ragan were in charge of the stage production.

Bob Hunt and his Jaycette wife Wanda will be assisting Sharon in Charlotte this weekend. They have been making the last minute arrangements locally, also.



COME SEE THE HORN—Miss Watauga, Sharon Lineau is given tickets to Horn In The West by pageant director Ward Haarbauer. The tickets will be part of a public relations packet she will present to each contestant in the Miss North Carolina contest this week end. Sharon said she was grateful for the opportunity to represent Watauga County. She added that the packet, which is filled with publicity brochures on local tourist attractions, is her way of promoting this county's biggest business. (Staff photo)

## Minor Injuries In Series Accidents

Sleeping at the wheel is bad business as two drivers involved in accidents last week can attest.

Last Thursday James Kenneth Clodfelter, 26, of 2330 Wauhtown Street, Winston-Salem, was driving north on U. S. 321 when he fell asleep at the wheel and ran off the

right side of the road. The 1963 Chevrolet he was operating overturned, doing an estimated \$1,000 damage.

Clodfelter was taken to Watauga County Hospital for treatment and was released Monday morning. A passenger, Bobby Guy Shirley, 21, of 610 Queen St., was also injured but not admitted.

Investigating Officer Roy Tugman said there was no violation of traffic laws.

Friday, James Armon Culler, 54, of Route 2, Box 75 Boone, was driving south on N. C. 105 when he went to sleep and ran off the left side of the road. His 1964 Ford struck a sign in front of the telephone equipment office doing an estimated \$650 damage.

Culler was not injured and Officer Coy D. Isaacs indicated no law violation in the accident. Brake failure resulted in a smashup at the U. S. 321-N. C. 105 intersection on Friday.

Dallas Easton Brown, 25 of Rt. 1 Boone, was driving a 1959 Oldsmobile west on N. C. 105 Extension. His brakes failed to operate and he ran a red light, hitting a 1959 Rambler operated by John Guy Young Jr., 21, of 210 N. Depot Street doing an estimated \$400 damage to each car.

## Mother, Daughter Don Cap And Gown

Mother and daughter in the J. H. Brashear family donned cap and gown last week as they participated in two different graduation exercises.

Mrs. Lucy Moore Brashear was awarded her doctor of Philosophy Degree Monday at the University of North Carolina. She is a member of the faculty of the ASU English Department.

And daughter Ann was graduated with honors Thursday night from Watauga High School.

Ann left the next day for San Salvador where she will study

Spanish under sponsorship of the Latin American Institute of the University of North Carolina at Greensboro. She plans to enroll at UNC-Chapel Hill next fall where she will major in languages.

Mrs. Brashear received her AB and MA degrees from the University of Florida where she was a member of Phi Beta Kappa and Phi Kappa Phi, the latter an honorary English fraternity.

The family lives in Watauga County on Route 1, Todd, Mr. Brashear also is a member of the ASU English department faculty.