



GORDON WINKLER... Successful in his bid to return to Boone's highest elective office.

# Winkler Is Winner In Race For Mayor

Former Boone Mayor Gordon Winkler regained the town's top elective office Tuesday as he defeated Town Alderman Dr. Hadley M. Wilson. Winkler received 556 votes as against 383 cast for Dr. Wilson. Boone voters also elected five aldermen to serve on an enlarged town board which heretofore had only three members, plus the mayor. The aldermen and their votes are: A. E. McCreary, 614; Dr. Len D. Hagaman, 602; Crater Marsh, 585; Howard J. Cottrell, 515; and R. Clyde Wine-

berger, 469. Other candidates and their vote-get are: Charles H. Blackburn Jr., 362; Dr. James B. Graham, 400; Gwyn Hayes, 254; Dave Hodges, 104; James F. Jones, 161; Earl L. Fetrey, 224; and Dr. Robert L. Randall, 310. Under a bill passed by both houses of the state legislature, the two candidates getting the highest number of votes will serve four-year terms. The remainder will serve two-year terms. According to the bill, the seats held by the three can-

didates receiving the lowest number of votes in Tuesday's election will be up for election in 1971. The bill specifies that the two candidates receiving the highest number of votes in 1971 shall serve four years, with the low candidate serving for only two years. The bill calls for this pattern to be repeated every two years, with the two candidates with the highest number of votes serving for four years and the third candidate serving for only two years. Thus at each biennial elec-

tion, voters will chose three candidates, two of them for four years and one for two years, thereby assuring the election of a majority on the board each two years. Mayor Greene said there would not be a runoff election in event the five top candidates failed to receive a majority of votes. He said election will be declared for the top five vote getters. By noon Tuesday, a total of 410 voters had cast ballots, indicating that balloting might reach into record levels. In the 1967 election, in which re-

tiring Mayor Greene unseated incumbent Mayor Wade Brown, 1,180 ballots were voted. The bill setting up the five-man board and specifying the staggered terms, contained the following directive for the Town of Boone: "The Board of Aldermen of the Town of Boone shall have five members elected for staggered terms. In the regular municipal election to be held in the Town of Boone in 1969, there shall be elected five members to the Board of Aldermen. The two candidates receiving

the highest number of votes shall be elected for a term of four years and the three candidates receiving the next highest number of votes shall be elected for a term of two years. At the regular municipal election held in 1971 and biennially thereafter, three members of the Board of Aldermen shall be elected and the two candidates receiving the highest number of votes shall be elected for a term of four years and the candidate receiving the next highest number of votes shall be elected for a term of two years."

## Blue Ribbon Winner

The Democrat is first place winner in State Press Assn. General Excellence Competition this year—the third time in four years.

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## BOONE WEATHER

1969	Hi	Lo	Prec.	Snow	'68	'67	'66
June 10	72	58	.55		80	63	
June 11	78	58	.16		79	58	
June 12	77	60			78	60	
June 13	75	61	.28		72	56	
June 14	78	60	.75		78	42	
June 15	75	60	1.21		81	51	
June 16	75	59			80	52	

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RIGHTON HOME—Treasures of the past will be available for public enjoyment during the Watauga Home and Garden Tour at this historic home of Mrs. Sarah Schenk Righton in Blowing Rock. The white clapboard house was built in the 1880's by

Major Schenk. The original handmade front door opens into high ceiled, chestnut paneled rooms, where the original pine floors are now covered with Oriental and hand hooked rugs.

## Annual Home And Garden Tour Will Be Feature Next Sunday

Members of the Watauga County Council of Garden Clubs are completing final arrangements for their annual home and garden tour scheduled for Sunday afternoon. Using the theme, "Wandering

in Watauga," the council will present five homes in Boone, Blowing Rock and Hound Ears in public display from 2 to 6 p. m. The tour also will include the Daniel Boone Native Gardens

and exhibits in a horticulture division on display at the Worthwhile Woman's Clubhouse at 100 Cherrybrook Lane. Proceeds of the events will be used by the council for the landscaping projects on the grounds

at Watauga High School. Tickets and brochures indicating the route and mileage points of the tour will be available at the clubhouse, at Stallings Jewelry Company and from members of the Garden Club Council. Tickets will be \$2 each.

## Your County Tax Bill To Be Higher The Next Time

When you get your 1970 statement of county taxes in September, you'll find a lower "tax rate" but a higher tax on your real property.

For instance, the same \$20,000 home that cost you \$110.70 in taxes for 1969, will cost you \$143 in 1970 taxes. Yet the 1969 rate is \$1.23 while the 1970 rate will be \$1.10.

The new, record county budget is built around this property tax rate of \$1.10. Formal approval of the budget, and the tax rate necessary to meet it, is expected at the July 7 meeting of the county commissioners. The budget was given tentative approval at the board meeting on Monday, June 2.

## Dr. Eggers Is Given Honor By English Majors

Dr. Graydon P. Eggers, retiring chairman of the English Department of Appalachian State University, was honored on commencement day, June 6, in Chapel Hill by the graduating English majors, who presented him a plaque.

Key to the lower rate but higher tax for the new year is the assessment ratio applied to the listed true value of your property. The county commissioners have raised the assessment ratio from 45 per cent to 65 per cent for 1970 taxes. This means that the assessed value of your \$20,000 home for 1969 real property taxes was 45 per cent of \$20,000, or \$9,000. Based on the rate of \$1.23 per \$100 valuation, you 1969 tax was \$110.70. For 1970, the 65 per cent assessment ratio means you'll be paying taxes on \$13,000 at the rate of \$1.10 per \$100 valuation, making \$143 the tax due.

On real property, the new rate represents a 29 per cent increase over real property taxes for 1969. The original handmade door opens into high ceiled, chestnut paneled rooms, where the original pine floors are now covered with Oriental and hand hooked rugs. Priceless antique French, English and native handmade furniture adorns the home. (Continued on page two)

In expressing the class esteem and appreciation for Dr. Eggers, Jerry Fanaler, as spokesman, quoted Tennyson's words inscribed on the plaque: "To strive, to seek, to find, and not to yield." In addition to having taught these graduating students literature and grammar, Dr. Eggers had been their advisor since their sophomore year.

Appalachian president Dr. W. H. Plemmons received a rare honor last week as the North Carolina Legislature passed a joint resolution honoring him upon his retirement as president of the institution. The complete text of the high tribute, which was passed unanimously by the House of Representatives and by the Senate last Thursday, follows below. Dr. Plemmons' comment was simply, "I am highly gratified, highly complimented, and greatly pleased."

WHEREAS, William Howard Plemmons, distinguished North Carolinian, was born in Asheville, the son of mountain people, and reared amidst the peaks and hollows of the Blue Ridge Mountains; and WHEREAS, he obtained his education here in North Carolina, attending the public schools of Asheville, Wake Forest University, Duke University and the University of North Carolina, distinguishing himself at an early age as a person with unique qualities of leadership, scholarship and character; and WHEREAS, William Howard Plemmons, a descendant of the strong and self-reliant people

of the West, shaped these qualities into effective tools to help guide the progress of his entire native State, especially in the field of higher education, and dedicated his life to the proposition that the benefits of education should be available to all the people; and WHEREAS, the citizens of the State of North Carolina, home of many great men, again have reason to be proud when the myriad accomplishments of William Howard Plemmons are remembered upon his retirement. (Continued on page two)

## 12 Acres On 321 South Boone Shopping Center Will Cost \$1.5 Million

### School Lunches To Cost More Coming Session

It'll cost the kids five cents more for lunch when schools open this fall.

The across-the-board increase was approved by the Watauga County Board of Education this month after additional employee retirement costs were outlined for the new school year.

The county school system is being required by the state to put its cafeteria employees under the state retirement system for the first time. The county will have to contribute \$95 per cent of each cafeteria employee's wages to the retirement system. An additional five per cent will be contributed by employees. Also contributing to the lunch increase is the rising cost of labor and food, the board was told.

### Preston Greene Is New Legion Head

Preston Greene of Route 2, Boone, has been elected commander of the Watauga Post 130 of the American Legion.

Greene, retired from the U.S. Marine Corps and from the Virginia Employment Commission, was elected Friday night at the post meeting held in the American Legion hall.

## 41% Watauga Hi Graduates Plan To Enter Colleges

In a survey of educational and vocational plans of seniors at Watauga High School, it has been found that 54 per cent of the class will continue their education.

Of the 252 graduates (including summer school), 103 graduates or 41 per cent, will enter colleges, technical institutes, business schools, nursing schools and other trade schools will receive 33 students, or 13 per cent of the graduating class. Of those students who will not continue their education, eight will enter military service, 96 will enter the labor market, four are married, and eight are undecided about future plans. This number, 116 students, comprise 46 per cent of the graduates.

The 54 per cent of graduates continuing their formal education is in line with North Carolina figures for 1968, when 54.16 per cent entered educational institutions beyond high school. The four-year colleges selected by Watauga High School graduates are the following: Appalachian State University, 62; N. C. State University, 8; UNC at Chapel Hill, 4; UNC at Greensboro, 1; East Carolina University, two; Davidson College, two; Duke University, one; Western Carolina University, one; Catawba College, one; East Tennessee State University, one; Georgia Institute of Technology, one, and the U. S. Military Academy at West Point. (Continued on page two)



CONTINUING EDUCATION—Jane Watson and Robert Melton are among the many recent graduates of Watauga High School who are continuing their education after high school. They are shown during a class break at Appalachian State University. (Staff photo)

### Work Will Start On Huge Project Within 30 Days

Construction of the \$1,500,000 Boone Shopping Center is expected to start within 30 days on the 12-acre tract across from Holiday Inn on the Blowing Rock Road.

A second Winn Dixie Food Store will occupy a 20,000 square foot building in the center. According to Harvey Trivette, manager of Winn-Dixie on Hardin Street, Boone, the new store will be almost twice as large as the present store and will contain a delicatessen.

A major department store will occupy some 40,000 square feet, according to Latta Johnson, owner of Latta Johnson Realty Company, who also announces that the Ford Brothers Construction Company of Charleston, S. C., own and will develop the center in Boone.

Johnson said the shopping center will contain 16 stores, plus a bank and a drug store. Parking will be provided for 1,000 cars.

A construction crew is expected to arrive here within 30 days, Johnson said, in order to have the project well under way by cold weather.

Johnson said that smaller spaces still are available in the plans for the center. W. C. Dale, former manager of Holiday Inn, is now associated with Latta Johnson Realty Company, property manager for the shopping center. The realty firm will move its offices this week to the field office on the Blowing Rock Road site.

Also maintaining an office there will be Ford Brothers Construction Company, whose president is William Ford.

## WAMY Has Job Service For Area Students

A job clearing service for high school students seeking summer jobs is being operated by the manpower program for WAMY.

Students seeking ways to earn money this summer may register with the Teen-Age Work Exchange by calling 267-2191 or by coming to the old Cove Creek school between 8 a. m. and 5 p. m. weekdays.

People who want lawns mowed, windows washed, help with farm and domestic chores, can contact young people seeking work through the WAMY office. Paul English, director of the manpower program for WAMY, said no wage scales are set between prospective employers and employer.

## District 4-H Activity Day To Be Held At WHS Today

The Northwestern District 4-H Activity Day will be held at Watauga High School on Thursday, June 19th. Four-H Club members from 18 counties will be competing in Demonstrations, Talent, Public Speaking Contests, etc. We are expecting approximately 900 people to attend the event. This is the first time the

District Activity Day has been held in Watauga County. The public is invited to come to the all day event or to just come for a short time. All events will be going on simultaneously and you can observe any event you prefer. The Days Activities will begin at 9:00 a. m. and will conclude at approximately 3:00 p. m.