

Aug. 12	73	53	.90	75	54
Aug. 13	67	57		73	53
Aug. 14	75	61	.05	79	60
Aug. 15	73	61	cr.	76	63
Aug. 16	74	63	1.17	80	65
Aug. 17	74	63	.42		66
Aug. 18	80	62	.21		67

## Enormous Business Boom Witnessed In Watauga

Look what's happened to Watauga County in the last five years: More than 80 new businesses. But how many more is the question.

The Democrat has hastily compiled the following list as a means of answering inquiries of out-of-town businessmen and investors. The five-year list came off the top of our heads, however, and we are sure there are still others we may have inaccurately remembered as longer established. So please let us know if you have inadvertently been omitted from this listing.

The Watauga House Of Lighting, the Cardinal Restaurant, Blue Ridge Harthside Crafts, Greenway Trailer Park, Lloyd's Upholstery Shop, Jones Auto Parts, One-Hour Martinizing, The Sherwin-Williams Company, Westmont Apartments, Martin-Dale Apartments, Thrift-Tee Discount, The Stone Jewelry, Lowell Industries, United Farm Agency, Shook Realty Company, Whitaker Realty, Linzy's Hobbycrafts, Merle Norman Cosmetics, Hodges Transfer & Storage Company, Clyde Townsend Apartments, Fin-Feather-Fun Pet Shop, Mix-Mates, LTD., Newton's Fashion Shoppe, Stout's Shoe Store, Bev Russing Realty, the Donut Den, Tumbling Brook Inn, Covered Wagon Antiques, Holiday Gulf Service.

Also City TV Service, United Antenna Service of Boone (CATV), the Harvey Ayers apartments, Hound Ears (restricted residents, skiing and golfing), Appalachian Restaurant Supply Company, Watauga Memorials, Inc., Cook & Hodges Construction Company, Foscoe Campground, Mine Branch Campground, Watauga Livestock Market, Big Dollar Food Market, Holly's Tavern, Bill Cox's Cheese House, the Carriage House Restaurant, The Yard (including The Children's Shoppe, Alpine Realty and Santa's Shop), Queen's Candy Kitchen, The Wayside Shop and Vermont American Corporation.

And Holiday Inn of Boone, Ray's Kingburger, Jiffy Car Wash, Kentucky Fried Chicken (two), Ro-Bo Car Wash, Around the World in 18 Holes (miniature golf), The Peddler Steak House, Big Chief Mobile Home Sales, Whaley Realtors, the Chalet Restaurant, King Street Pharmacy, Crickside Crafts and Antiques, Creative Crafts, Brownwood Lodge, Deerfield Pharmacy, the Doctor's Building, Thalheimer's Factory Outlet, Jerry's (clothing), the Glass Barn, Cottage Crafts, Harris-Teeter Super Market, Frank Auten Real Estate, Huff Motors, McCullough Saw & Cycle Sales, Appalachian South, Inc. (apartment house development), Aldridge Jewelry, The Portrait House, Roten's Town and Campus Men's Wear, Seven Devils (residential, ski and golf), Beech Mountain (spanning Watauga-Avery line), Blowing Rock Galleries, Orbit Factory Outlet, Carolina Realty and Insurance Company, Redix Better Life Discount Store, Miller Engineering Company, the Regional Gallery of Art, and University Village (a residential development just getting underway in Boone).

In addition to new businesses, several established businesses have undergone major expansions for the period.

Surprised? We were.

## Roughly Half Of Voters In Watauga Registered

Watauga County's recent voter re-registration is expected to produce about half the number of registered voters as were shown on the old books. J. L. Winebarger, chairman of the Watauga County Board of Elections, made the prediction after master registration books for six precincts were compiled in the county office.

He expects that books for all the county's 18 precincts will be compiled in the new loose-leaf form within two weeks. The new registration was required by state law. Books will be re-opened for additional registrations prior to the next election. And persons may

register at the elections board office during the time the staff is working on the new books. Precincts completed, with total voter registration by party affiliation, follow: Boone No. 1, 265 Democrats, 68 Republicans

## Lightning Ignites Barn

Lightning was blamed for a fire Sunday night that destroyed a barn in the Aho area near Blowing Rock.

The barn belonging to Ingle Ford of Route 4, Boone, was a total loss, along with its contents. The loss of building and contents was estimated at \$3,500 by the Blowing Rock Fire

Department. The department answered the alarm at 11 p. m. Inside the barn 1,200 bales of hay fed the flames to the point where it was out of control when firemen arrived.

The barn was located next to the Friendship Methodist Church.

# Total Number For Year 1,400 Dr. Eggers Is Speaker As 517 Get Degrees At ASU

## List Watauga Graduates Is Given Out

Dr. Graydon Poe Eggers speaking at Appalachian's summer commencement exercises Saturday evening, borrowed a phrase from Tennyson's Ulysses to challenge the 517 graduates "to strive, to seek, to find and not to yield."

The senior faculty member at Appalachian used quotations from the writings of the nineteenth century theologian and author, Cardinal John Henry Newman, to speak on the modern university, its role and responsibility. "A university is a place for teaching universal knowledge 'with its object' the diffusion and extension of knowledge rather than the advancement," said Eggers, as he recalled Appalachian's tradition of excellence in teacher training.

"Teaching is a great profession. The teaching of teachers is one of the greatest of all. Appalachian has a great future. It can be compared to Duke, Carolina or Harvard during their formative years. Given the same number of years to mature and develop, Appalachian could reach the same level of development as these more famous universities."

"I love this school," continued Eggers "my brother (Mr. Herman Eggers, ASU registrar emeritus), my wife (Mrs. Daisy W. Eggers, assistant professor of English) and I are observing a quiet centennial this year. This marks our 100th year of continuous service at Appalachian."

After Eggers' address, ASU President W. H. Flemmons conferred Master of Arts degrees upon 279 students, Bachelor of Science degrees upon 193, Bachelor of Arts degrees upon 22, the Master of Science degree upon 1, advanced certificate in school administration upon 3 and the certificate of advanced study on three others.

The 517 summer graduates boosted the 1969 graduating total at Appalachian to a record 1,400. Degrees awarded in June totaled 883, including 108 who earned Master's degrees.

The list of graduates included the following from Watauga County:

Master of Arts: Clarita Ann Adams; Carolyn D. Anderson; Melba J. Bumgarner; Randal Clay Cannon; Nancy A. Chamb-

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## 11 Wataugans To Be Drafted

Watauga County's quota for the September draft call will be 11 men.

Mrs. Evelyn Coffey, executive secretary of the Watauga County Selective Service Board, said the call has been issued for Tuesday, Sept. 2.

## Town Hall Structure To Be Ready Weekend

Boone town officials, jammed up in makeshift quarters during the construction of the new town hall main building, may get relief at the end of this week.

Perry Greene, contractor for the new office area, said Monday that his crew should be through with their work by Saturday. The last item will be laying of the tile on the floor, scheduled for Thursday and Friday.



This was the scene Saturday evening as 517 graduates were awarded degrees in commencement exercises held in Varsity Gymnasium on the Appalachian campus. The exercises were scheduled for Conrad Stadium, but the inclement weather forced university officials to move them inside.

## 35 Acre Trailer, Recreation Area To Be Open In 60 Days

The owner of Williams Construction Company this week announced plans for Hunting Meadows Court, a proposed 240-trailer development with recreation area just outside Boone's city limits.

Joe Williams said Tuesday that Mrs. Nell Trivett Fairchild and Miss Ruby Trivett have contracted him to develop the court on 35 acres bordered by the State Farm, New River and the State Farm Road and lying just below their residential project, Hunting Hills, where

Williams estimates the average cost of a building lot at \$6,500. Five acres of the court will be a recreational area, he said.

Asked what is the nearest property inside the Boone limits, Williams said Optimist Park, just across the road from Hunting Meadows.

The contractor plans to have the modern trailer facility open "within 60 days."

Williams said the plan would have been announced earlier if Mrs. Fairchild and Miss Trivett had not heard that the Watauga Board of Education was seeking a site for a new elementary school for Boone.

"Even though they realized they would get more revenue out of a trailer court," said Williams, "they received their education here, and decided to let the county have a shot at (their land)."

He said a tract of the Trivett

property was offered for \$5,000 an acre. However, after the board looked into other available sites, it optioned a portion of the Grady Farthing farm in east Boone early this month.

Asked whether the trailer development lies within the one-mile extra-territorial control of the Boone Planning (zoning) Board and therefore is prohibited, Williams said it is his understanding that the present ordinance is invalid.

City Attorney John H. Bingham said "the probability is that it is invalid" and is currently being studied. He said he understands the city fathers plan to take whatever measure necessary to validate the 1965 ordinance as regards the perimeter of the city.

The city council minutes list a Monday-July 28 called meeting in which the Boone Board of Aldermen and the County

Commissioners met to consider the zoning ordinance. The city attorney read the law providing that the Commission name five members of the zoning board who reside outside the city but within the one mile band.

The balance had been upset when some zoning board members moved.

That date, the city council

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## Fund Budget Is Approved

Directors of the Watauga County United Fund Tuesday heard an appeal from Dr. John Barden that the local chapter of American Red Cross be restored the \$97 stricken from its original request by the Fund's budget committee.

But the proposed budget was adopted as presented by budget chairman Dr. Robert Randall for a record total of \$23,000 to benefit 11 local groups, as well as the many-faceted Carolinas United Fund.

The Red Cross will be granted \$6,000 from the local fund and plans to raise an additional \$1,000 in Blowing Rock.

## Retail Sales In Co. Reach \$40 Million

Retail sales in Watauga County for the fiscal year 1968-69 reached a total of \$40,167,300, according to figures released by the State Department of Revenue.

Sales and use tax collection in Watauga County for the period were \$934,918.95.

This data is compiled from tax reports filed by the merchants monthly with the State Department.

Following is a break-down of sales and use tax collections in Watauga's various divisions of merchandising:

WATAUGA COUNTY	Gross Collections	Gross Retail Sales
1 1/2 Retail Sales	2,999.77	309,046
1 1/2 Auto & Planes	52,269.93	3,589,308
Apparel	33,369.85	1,160,926
Automotive	88,731.93	7,451,535
Food	305,099.52	10,872,843
Furniture	61,187.22	2,310,177
General Merchandise	135,281.89	5,487,402
Building Materials	17,036.46	4,212,703
Unclassified Group	127,528.12	4,773,360
Use Tax - 1% & 3%	10,631.26	783.00
Licenses - Wholesale & Reg.		
TOTALS	\$ 934,918.95	\$ 40,167,300

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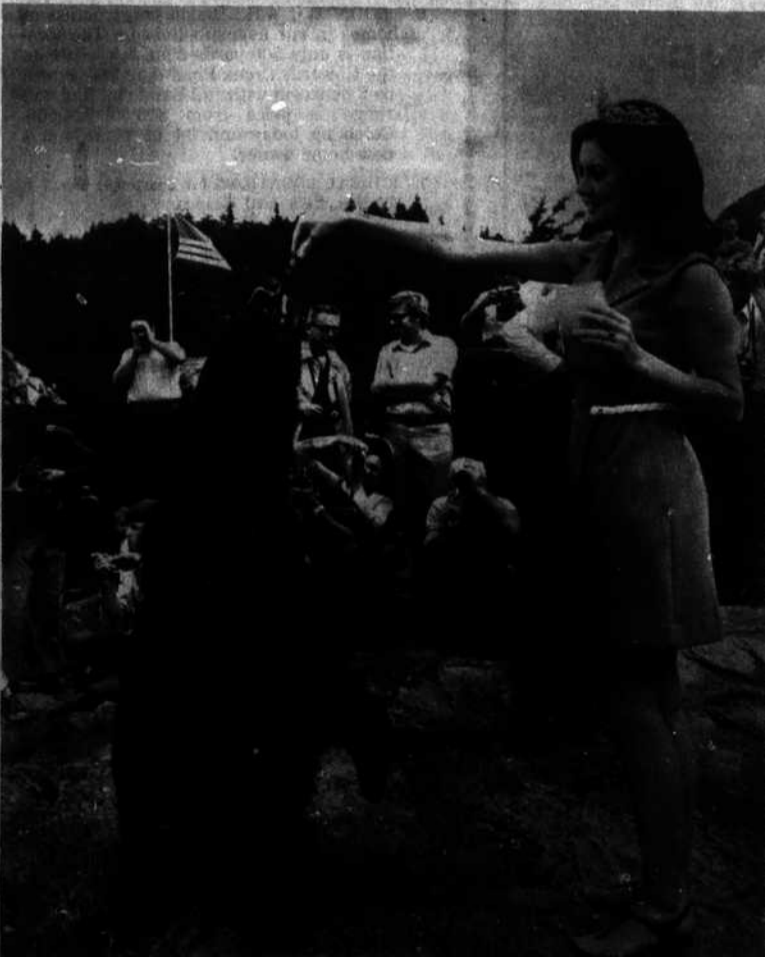
BETH TARTAN

## Beth Tartan Will Speak To Homemakers

Beth Tartan, foods editor of the Winston-Salem Journal and food consultant with R. J. Reynolds Tobacco Co., will be the guest speaker next Wednesday, Aug. 27, at the Northwestern Extension Homemakers meeting in Boone.

The meeting will be preceded by a coffee hour at 9:30 a. m. in the Varsity Gym at Appalachian State University. The program will begin at 10:30 a. m. with Mrs. H. F. Cochrane, president, presiding.

A graduate of Salem College, Beth Tartan has conducted a daily food column in the Winston-Salem papers since 1947. She is the author of five books.



NEWLY CROWNED Miss Carolyn Joy Wray of Thomasville, feeds Mildred, Grandfather Mountain's recently abducted but now returned tame bear as photographers at the Grandfather Mountain Camera Clinic snap their shutters away. (Hugh Morton photo)