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Homecoming Activities

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 24
MOUNTAINEER KICKOFF PARTY . . . Holiday Inn Restaurant . . . Dinner and dancing beginning at 6 p. m. A la carte . . . All alumni and friends invited . . . Live Music . . . \$1 cover charge per person.
CONCERT . . . THE FOUR SEASONS . . . Popular programs presentation 8 p. m. Varsity Gymnasium . . . \$2.50 per person.
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 25
REGISTRATION . . . 8 a. m.—noon . . . Plemons Student Center . . . Tickets for all events will be on sale . . . Pick up name and class badges . . . Vernician Society will host.
HOMECOMING PARADE . . . 10 a. m.
OPEN HOUSES . . . 10:30 a. m.—noon
Dougherty Home Economics Hall, Sanford Hall and Varsity Gymnasium
REUNION CLASSES . . . 10:30 a. m.—noon
The honor classes will meet in the Plemons Student Center as follows: Class of '29, room 110; '39, room 116; '49, room 112; '44, room 114; and '59, room 211.
ALUMNI LUNCHEON . . . 12 p. m.—1:30 p. m.
East side University Cafeteria . . . Dr. Plemons and Dr. Wey will be present . . . Honor classes will be recognized . . . \$2 per person . . . All alumni and friends welcome.
A.S.U. vs CARSON NEWMAN . . . 2:30 p. m. Conrad Stadium . . . Apps seek revenge for one of two losses last year.
ALUMNI RECEPTION AND COFFEE . . . Following game in Plemons Center—THE place to meet old friends . . . Co-sponsored by Senior Class . . . Everyone welcome.
ALUMNI TOUCHDOWN DANCE . . . 9 p. m. Seven Devils Lodge . . . Music by The Cane Groscelose Quintet . . . Snacks by Welborn . . . \$3 per person.
CAMPUS DANCE . . . 8 to midnight in Broome-Kirk Gym. Music by The Drifters, the Carolina Tams.



D. GLENN HODGES

Scott Appoints Glenn Hodges To State Position

Governor Bob Scott has announced the appointment of D. Glenn Hodges, 35, 301 Pinnacle Drive, Boone, to the 18 member Advisory Council for the newly established State Department of Local Affairs. Hodges and the other council members will be sworn in at 11 a. m., November 3, by Appellate Court Judge W. E. Graham, Jr. in the State Legislative Building, Raleigh. They serve at the pleasure of the Governor. Hodges, former Watauga County Commissioner, is Controls Manager for IRC-TRW Incorporated. He is a graduate of Appalachian State University, YDC President and YDC Coordinator for the 9th District. A Jaycee, he has held the Jaycee Outstanding Young Man of the Year Award.

Married to the former Betty Ann Hagaman of Boone, they have three children: Gerald, 12, Anna Lynn, 10 and Carol Lee, 8. The Department of Local Affairs was formed July 1 by the General Assembly at the request of Governor Scott. Its primary function will be to aid and assist local governments in meeting local needs by providing technical service and help in obtaining and utilizing state, federal, and private assistance programs available. Members of the Advisory Council are: Clarence E. Lightner, Raleigh; Ozell K. Peatty, Salisbury; James C. (Pete) Dall, Edenton; E. S. (Jim) Melvin, Greensboro; Robert B. Spivey, Windsor; Turner A. Cathey, Canton; Henry M. Milgrom, Battleground; Leigh S. Wilson, Raleigh; Russell S. Newman, Reidsville; Mrs. William C. Pressly, Raleigh; John T. Morrissey, Sr., Raleigh; Dr. John T. Dees, Bargaw; Rep. Liston P. Ramsey, Marshall; Sen. Gordon Allen, Roxboro; W. D. (Bill) Brooks, Jr., Whiteville; J. Howard Bunn, Charlotte; D. Glenn Hodges, Boone; Betty June Hayes, Hillsborough.

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"Quickly Reaching The Limit"

Appalachian Enrollment Skyrockets In Past Year

6,800 Enter To Triple Number Ten Years Ago



HOMECOMING QUEEN

Queen For Weekend

Enrollment at Appalachian State University has increased 13.01 per cent over the past twelve months, but the upward trend cannot continue much longer according to ASU president Dr. Herbert Wey. "We are quickly reaching the limit of our enrollment here," he explains, "because of limited library, dormitory and cafeteria space." Appalachian enrolled a total 6,800 students in September which more than triples enrollment figures recorded just a decade ago. ASU's increase of 13.01 per cent compares with an average state-wide growth rate of 3.96 per cent projected by the State Board of Higher Education for the fall of 1969. Ned R. Trivette, Director of Business Affairs for the university, has the nearly impossible job of stretching ASU's state-approved budgets to accommodate the instructional and auxiliary needs of the overgrown student body. "Tremendous pressure," he says, "has been placed on us by the great number of applying students to exceed the limits approved for us by the General Assembly." C. H. Gilstrap, ASU's Director of Admissions, is affected just as acutely by the pressures. He will receive 6,000 applications this year, 4,500 of them from incoming freshmen, but the vast majority will have to be denied. "At present, we are going to admit 1,000 freshmen for next year," Gilstrap says. "And we will have to hold all other applications until every returning student on campus has had a chance to make a dormitory reservation—then we will fill to our capacity with the remaining applications from freshmen and transfer students." ASU admitted 1,745 freshmen this fall and accepted 525 transfers from other institutions.

Looking Again For Yule Tree

Tarrytown Mall, Rocky Mount's big shopping center, is looking again for a Watauga Christmas tree to set up in the center. George Braswell, general manager of Tarrytown, says he is looking for a Fraser fir that is "shaped pretty and standing where it can be loaded by a crane onto a truck." He wants a tree 32 to 36 feet tall. Braswell already has made one trip into Watauga in search of a tree. He asks that any person who has a tree suitable for the mall contact him in Rocky Mount. Watauga has received statewide publicity for furnishing trees to Tarrytown in previous years.

Workshop For Parents Tonight

A course for parents on "Your Children and Better Emotional Health" will begin at Watauga High School Thursday evening, October 23, at 6:30 p. m. Classes will be held each Thursday for six weeks at an hour decided upon by those attending the first night. Instructors for the course will be clinical psychologists from New River Mental Health Association and Western Carolina Center, Morganton. At the same time Watauga County teachers will be attending a course designed to help them with the emotionally disturbed child in the classroom. It is anticipated that the parents and teachers might have some joint sessions if those participating so desire. For additional information contact Dr. Dan Stallings at Caldwell Technical Institute.

You Can't Vote

No matter how long one has been voting in Watauga County, unless he re-registers during the special registration that ends this Saturday (Oct. 25), he will be barred from voting in the Nov. 4 school bond and local option sales tax election.

The new system starts from "scratch", disregarding all former records of voters. The loose-leaf permanent registration system is being effected here under new state law.

The remaining registration days at the Board of Elections office upstairs in the County Courthouse are Thursday (date of this issue) and Friday. Hours are 9 a. m. to 5 p. m.

The final day for registering will be Saturday. That day, the books will be open in the voting precincts from 9 a. m. until 6:30 p. m. The following Saturday, Nov. 1, will be challenge day.

At stake in the forthcoming election is the bond issue authorizing \$1,400,000 for improvements at seven county elementary schools. Of this figure, \$900,000 will go toward financing a new elementary school for Boone, where the present building and land is being withdrawn by the owner, Appalachian State University.

To be voted at the same time will be the one cent local option sales tax. If this were to pass, most of the additional revenue would be returned to Watauga County for use by the governments of the county and of Boone and Blowing Rock.

Absentee ballots may be requested and voted on the school bond issue, but are not available on the tax question.

Former Supreme Court Justice Fortis Coming



FORTAS

Livestock Sales Bring \$700,000

The special state-sponsored sales at the Watauga County Livestock Market during the fall of 1969 sold 3,846 head of feeder cattle for over \$700,000. Of the total, 3121 of these cattle were sold in the four steer sales and 725 calves were sold in the Oct. 8 calf sale. All of the cattle and calves were sold according to grade weight and breed. All of the steer sales were "one day" sales, that is the steers were graded, weighed and penned during the day and sold at 8 that night. The calves were graded one day and sold the following day. All of the cattle in the calf sale and two of the steer sales graded 70 per cent good or better and the average grade for all five sales was above 60 per cent good or better.

Abe Fortas, the controversial former Associate Justice of the U. S. Supreme Court, will deliver the third and final lecture in the series on "Dissent and Disorder on the American Campus" Tuesday, Oct. 28, at Appalachian State University.

Fortas' address, scheduled for 8 p. m. in the ASU's Broome-Kirk Gymnasium, will focus on "Campus Change and Campus Revolt." His visit to the campus is co-sponsored by the university's Artist and Lecture Series and by the S & H Foundation of the Sperry-Hutchinson Company. The lecture is open to the public.

A Phi Beta Kappa graduate of Yale University's School of Law, Fortas has spent his life as a legal counsel championing civil liberties and defending the rights of the individual.

In government service since 1937, he was named by President Truman to attend the organizational meetings of the United Nations in San Francisco in 1946. He later was a member of the delegation of the U. N. General Assembly in London.

Soon afterward, he returned to private practice and maintained one of Washington's most flourishing law firms. He won the respect of the legal profession with his dedication to nonremunerative classes and with his brilliant defenses of several State Department employees who were fired as security risks after accusations by the late Senate Joseph R. McCarthy.

One of Fortas' most notable contributions to criminal law resulted from his appointment by the District of Columbia Court of Appeals in 1954 to handle the defense of Monte Durham, a convicted housebreaker. Fortas won his client a new trial and his arguments were responsible for a broadened criminal insanity rule, making

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22 Cents On Tax Cost Of School Bonds Probed

Like the housewife who needs a new stove, the inevitable questions come up about the proposed school bond issue—What's it gonna cost and how're we gonna pay for it?

And like her husband figures it, it may not be the total cost, including financing, of the stove that concerns him most but, rather, how much will the payments be?

In the case of the school bond issue to be voted on Nov. 4 by Watauga voters, the one, firm cost is the initial outlay of \$1.4 million. It would finance improvements at county elementary schools and partly pay for a new county-owned elementary school needed in the Boone area. (A state appropriation of \$1.25 million is available to augment the county's \$900,000 share of the new school).

The money to finance the school projects would come from the proceeds of bonds sold next spring.

The estimated "carrying" charges (interest) can be predicted if based on the present money market. And since the annual payments of principal and interest would come from county funds, the cost could be related in terms that would affect all owners of real and personal properties.

Based on projections supplied Watauga County Commissioners by the North Carolina Local Government Commission, the annual cost to the county for paying off the bonds would range valuation and level of services, the 1971-72 payment of \$137,500 would be equivalent to 22 cents on the county tax rate.

However, Lyons points out that this figure likely would be lower, since the rapid development of property in the county would increase the tax base.

The Local Government Commission also contemplates the bonds would be issued in the late spring of 1970 and mature annually each spring until 1993. The es-

timate was based on an interest of 6.26 per cent which it finds existing in the current market. Of course, this rate could change, either up or down, by spring.

The bond issue would not endanger the county's financing standing for any future bond issues, Lyons said.

Under North Carolina law, county governments are limited to school bond issues that total no more than five per cent of the respective county's assessed property valuation. For current budget purposes, Watauga County's total assessed valuation of 1969-70 is \$69 million.

Issuance of the proposed bonds would bring the county's total school bond indebtedness today to \$2,707,500, or 3.8 per cent of the county's valuation.

And for the second question, "How're we gonna pay for it?" the county normally would have only one answer: A hike in the ad valorem (property) tax, the county's only dependable source of revenue locally.

But, for the first time in North Carolina government, there is the possibility of a new tax source. County commissioners hope Watauga County voters will approve the extra penny sales tax to be presented to voters, also on Nov. 4.

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