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Special Election Ballots

OFFICIAL BALLOT

For Special Election Held In Watauga County On November 4, 1969

- To vote for or against the question the voter should make a cross (X) mark in the appropriate square appearing below.
- If you tear or deface or wrongly mark this ballot return it and get another.

FOR

the bond order authorizing \$1,400,000 bonds to finance the cost of erecting in the Watauga County School Administrative Unit, several new buildings to be used as school houses, school garages, physical education and vocational education buildings, teacherages and lunch rooms and other school plant facilities, and of reconstructing and enlarging by the erection of additions, several existing buildings located in such Unit and used for such purposes, and to acquire land and furnishings and equipment necessary for such new or reconstructed or enlarged buildings, and a tax therefor.

J. W. Winebarger
Chairman, County Board of Elections of Watauga County, North Carolina

OFFICIAL BALLOT

One Percent (1%) Local Option Sales and Use Tax

Instructions To Voters

- To Vote "FOR" The One Per Cent (1%) Sales And Use Tax Make A Cross (x) Mark In The Square To The Left Of The Word "FOR".
- To Vote "AGAINST" The One Per Cent (1%) Sales And Use Tax Make A Cross (x) Mark In The Square To The Left Of The Word "AGAINST".
- If You Tear Or Deface Or Wrongly Mark This Ballot, Return It And Get Another.

FOR The One Per Cent (1%) Local Sales And Use Tax

AGAINST The One Per Cent (1%) Local Sales And Use Tax

J. W. Winebarger
Chairman, Watauga County Board of Elections

Commissioners To Hear Plan For Development Of County

A five-point study project to serve as a guide in the orderly development of Watauga County will be presented to county commissioners Monday by the county planning board.

The report culminates some three months' study by the planning board on determining the most pressing problems facing the county. The board is proposing that the county engage in

a two-year study program of each of the problems. Following the October meeting of the planning board last Tuesday night, the board is expected to present the following

recommendation to the commissioners at their November meeting next Monday:

1. Enter into a contract with the N. C. Department of Community Planning for an in-depth study of these areas in Watauga County: Recreation, thoroughfare planning, over-all development plan, land utilization and survey and problems related to minimum housing.

The entire project was to have required two years to complete. But recent cuts in the federal budget provide now for federal funding for only one calendar year at a time. However, the planning board would plan to re-apply for continuation of the study.

According to Mist Davis, regional director of the department, the federal government would provide up to \$5,000 for

one calendar year. The county's share would be some \$2,500 plus an additional sum for printing.

A report that preliminary work already has begun on the board's county-wide water and sewer study was given the board by Roy Spainhour, engineer for Moore-Gardner Associates of Asheboro.

Spainhour said the work will require about 15 months to complete. It will consider potential water supplies and population trends in outlining possibilities for a comprehensive water supply for the entire county.

Spainhour told the board that water will be in short supply in less than 30 years in Watauga County if effort is not made to conserve it.

Meeting with the board were members of the planning board's advisory committee.

Members of the planning board at the meeting were Chairman Ned Trivette, Col. Clyde Miller and Wade Moretz.

What portion of Federal government spending, which now totals about \$190 billion a year, is borne by Watauga County taxpayers?

How much does it cost local residents, through income taxes and other taxes, to meet their share of the spending for national defense, education, interest on the national debt, space research and the gamut of other programs?

The \$190 billion total is too vast to be meaningful to most people. It becomes somewhat more comprehensible, however, when it is shown that it amounts to a \$6,000 per second.

The calculation was made by William V. Roth, Jr., a Delaware congressman, who has been concerned over the steadily-rising cost of government.

Watauga County's share of this spending is estimated

Election Fact Sheet

- Date of the election, Tuesday, Nov. 4, 5:30 a. m. to 6:30 p. m.
- Issue No. 1: Issuance by Watauga County of up to \$1.4 million in bonds to finance construction of additional facilities at county schools and also provide the first Boone elementary school owned by the County.
- Issue No. 2: To increase the state sales tax in Watauga by one per cent with the revenue being returned to the county for use by the county government and the Towns of Boone and Blowing Rock.
- Appalachian State University has secured a state appropriation of \$1.25 million to help the county construct the new elementary school. The money is available only if the new school is under contract by December of 1970. After that the appropriation reverts to the State's general fund.
- Appalachian State University, which owns the building that houses Appalachian Elementary School, has need of the building in expanding its own classroom program. It was because of this that ASU was able to secure the appropriation from the state.
- One-half million dollars of the proposed \$1.4 million bond issue would be for additions to and improvements at the county's seven elementary schools. The new school would be financed with the remaining \$900,000 plus the state gift of \$1.25 million, without which the county would face the prospect of financing the entire project itself.
- Regardless of the univer-

sity's need for the Appalachian Elementary building, the county still would be faced with the need for a new facility. The present building was designed for 650 children and Boone's annexation of certain communities bordering the city limits, AES enrollment has swelled to 910 students.

8. Based on the present level of services and present valuation of property in Watauga County, cost of paying off the bond issue would require an additional 22 cents on the tax rate. If the State appropriation were not available to help out, the additional tax required would be some 20 cents, bringing the total increase to 42 cents. The present rate is \$1.10.

9. If Watauga voters approve the additional one per cent sales tax, sufficient revenue would be returned to the county that a tax increase for the bonds alone could be avoided.

10. Watauga voters would not be paying all the additional local sales tax. Much of it would come from the crowds of summer and winter visitors who spend large sums of money here.

YDC To Meet

The Watauga County YDC will meet at 7:30 Friday night in the downstairs auditorium of the Courthouse in Boone.

Discussion will include the State YDC Convention and Dr. Swanson Richards, Superintendent of Schools, will be there to discuss the countywide bond referendum.



"YOU DON'T MEAN IT"—Dr. W. H. Plemmons was the most surprised man on the mountain when Jim Whittington, right, handed him the keys to a new Buick Electra at halftime ceremonies during Homecoming last Saturday on the Appalachian campus. With them is Mrs. Plemmons and Ned Trivette, Director of Business Affairs for the university. Whittington is past president of the Alumni Association.

Plemmons Day Is Homecoming Event

It was Dr. W. H. Plemmons' day Saturday at Appalachian. Homecoming festivities at the university were dedicated to the President Emeritus of the institution as some 6,000 alumni and 6,000 students honored Dr. Plemmons for his 14 years of service as Appalachian's president.

At the annual Homecoming Luncheon, tribute was paid to Dr. Plemmons by Dr. Hugh Daniel of the Board of Trustees, by Dr. L. H. Hollingsworth of the Board of Visitors, by Jim Whittington and Bob Snead who represented the alumni body, by James Marsh of the com-

munity and by Dr. Herbert W. Wey, ASU's new president.

Announcement of the W. H. Plemmons Scholarship Fund was made at the luncheon. The fund has been established by alumni and other friends of Dr. Plemmons to perpetuate the spirit of scholarship which the former president helped instill in Appalachian's student body. Later in the day came the biggest surprise of all—Dr. Plemmons was presented a set of keys to a 1970 Buick Electra. The gift was, again, from alumni and friends of Dr. Plemmons and Appalachian. It was purchased from Greene Buick, Inc. of Boone.

Tuesday's The Day School Bonds, Sales Tax Issues Will Face Voters

Registration Figures Short As Books Close

Watauga voters will go to the polls Tuesday, Nov. 4, and mark ballots on two questions:

1. Will the county issue up to \$1.4 million in bonds to finance school projects.

And, 2. Will the state sales tax in Watauga County be hiked a penny, from three to four per cent, with the extra penny revenue being returned to the county for use by the governments of the county and the towns of Boone and Blowing Rock.

A heavy turnout from among an estimated 6,500 newly registered voters is expected.

Polls in the county's 18 precincts will be opened at 6:30 a. m. and close at 6:30 p. m.

Both the school bond issue and the local option sales tax question have been the object of an active campaign of a group of private citizens. They have worked freely in an atmosphere void of any organized opposition to the two issues.

The bond issue would provide funds for additions and improvements at the county's seven elementary schools plus paying nearly half the cost of the county's first elementary school for the Boone area.

"If voters approve the bond issue, a state appropriation of \$1.25 would be given to the county for construction of the Boone school.

In deciding their wishes about the local option sales tax, Watauga voters will be joining voters in the state's other 99 counties. The sales tax vote was called in each county by the recent legislature.

John D. Winebarger, chairman of the Watauga County Board of Elections, stressed that the estimate of the number of voters now eligible in Watauga County is just that, "an estimate."

The board of elections office staff will not have cards for the new registrants during the last three weeks inserted in the proper precinct books until the end of this week, he said. Winebarger based his estimate.

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Student, 8, Writes Halloween Poem

An eight-year-old student in Mrs. N. Trivette's third grade at Appalachian Elementary School has "poised" her feelings about Halloween.

Little Miss Beth Williams, daughter of John H. Williams, an assistant professor at Appalachian State University, wrote:

"It's Halloween when the pumpkins are ripe. When the witches ride on their broomsticks at night. And the ghosts go Boooooo with all their might. And scare the people with fright. It's Halloween tonight."



A COLORFUL UNIT in the Homecoming Parade was the Campus-Community Relations Committee float which appealed for approval of the school bond and sales tax issue in Tuesday's local election. (Staff photo)

Watauga Women Show Crafts At State Fair

Four Watauga County women were among the more than 90 craftsmen to demonstrate in the Village of Yesteryear at the North Carolina State Fair.

They are Mrs. E. A. Hodges of Vilas, Mrs. Dorothy Townsend of Valle Crucis, Mrs. D. W. Cook of Boone, her daughter, Mrs. Charles E. Clay, Raleigh and Mrs. Estella C. Barnes.

Mrs. Hodges learned her craft, vegetable dyeing, from her grandmother as did Mrs. Townsend who spins on a wheel her grandfather built after the Civil War. The two women work together.

"I had done no spinning for 25 years," Mrs. Townsend said. "Seven years ago, a spinner was needed for the Village of Yesteryear."

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Miss Watauga Pageant Nov. 15

"The Age of Aquarius" is the theme for the gala festivities which will crown Miss Watauga for 1970 on Saturday, Nov. 15, in Broome Kirk Gymnasium on the university campus.

Sponsored again by the Boone Jaycees, the Miss Watauga Pageant has become renowned as one of the finest Miss America preliminaries in North Carolina.

According to Pageant Chairman, Stuart Tugman, the event is being moved to the Appalachian campus this fall to accommodate more Watauga citizens who were unable to attend because of limited seating facilities in the elementary school over the past years.

I dusted off my grandfather's spinning wheel and have been back every year since. The wool she spins is dyed by Mrs. Hodges.

Mrs. Hodges dyes lovely soft shades from hickory bark, goldenrod, sumac berries, logan vine, rhododendron leaves, walnuts and tomato vines.

"The first thing I ever dyed," she said, "was a pair of stockings I knit when I was 12 years old." She has been at it every since.

"My mother preferred home-dyed colors because of their permanence and the soft shades she could get," Mrs. Hodges said. "Today, people, including interior decorators, come to me for special work."

Mrs. Hodges has demonstrated her craft for students at the University of Tennessee and on television. She and Mrs. Townsend are putting in nine ten-hour days at this year's fair. "We may get tired," they say, "but we never get bored."

Their educational exhibit in the Village of Yesteryear won them a second-place ribbon. Mrs. Cook and Mrs. Clay

attracted interest with their beautiful fringe tying and knotting.

Mrs. Cook, now 74, was taught this craft 54 years ago by her

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3,000 Books Offered At Elementary School

More than 3,000 book titles are on display and for sale Wednesday and Thursday of this week at Appalachian Elementary School in Boone.

The hours both days are 9 a. m. to 5 p. m. and from 7 to 9 p. m. in the AES gymnasium. Miss Alice Straughan of Straughan's Book Shop in Greensboro will donate 10 per cent of the receipts from the book fair and sale to the school. The proceeds will be used to match federal funds to purchase equipment and materials.

The public is invited to browse and buy. Miss Straughan says the books will range in scope from contemporary issues to religion and are of a variety to suit the tastes of readers of all ages.

Newsprint Paper Going Up

The paper on which the Democrat and all other newspapers are printed will advance in price January 1.

The upcoming rise of \$5 a ton will be the fourth since 1966, bringing the cost of a ton of paper from \$135 to \$152.

The Democrat uses newsprint from the Bowater Mill in Calhoun, Tenn., which is delivered to Boone on an overnight schedule in trailer loads of more than 40,000 pounds.

With advances in paper and all other supplies, payroll, postage and taxes, there has been an increase in subscription rates, however no further increase in advertising rates is anticipated in the immediate future, despite the fact there has been a 27% increase in paid circulation since our present rates were established.

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Veterans benefits amounted to \$42, education to \$33, agriculture, \$30, and space technology, \$23.

Local Federal Tax \$34,000 Daily

at \$1.95 per day for every local resident. For the local population as a whole, it adds up to \$34,000 per day.

That is based upon the proportion of its revenue that the government receives from the local area.

The part of the expenditures attributed to each community was determined from a state-by-state study made by the Tax Foundation and from local income data.

The portion shouldered by Watauga County residents, per capita, is greater than in many localities across the country where earnings, and therefore taxes paid, are lower.

Congressman Roth's concern over the nation's huge annual budget has led him to propose that a "modern Hoover-type commission be set up to find out how the

central government can operate more effectively, efficiently and creatively."

He called for "daring and imaginative" approaches in using the resources or government to mount attacks on the problems confronting the American people.

Just how the government spent the taxpayers' money in the past fiscal year is shown in the Tax Foundation study.

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