



CONGRESSMAN VISITS—Cong. James E. Broyhill of Lenoir (right) spent the day in Watauga County Friday meeting constituents and discussing problems with them. He was at the courthouse at 1 p. m. Among those meeting with him were Cecil Miller, chairman of the Watauga Republican Party, and J. B. Robinson of Boone, area manager of the Farmers Home Administration, (Staff photo)

## Local Pollution Problems To Be Discussed By Expert

Students and faculty members at Appalachian as well as interested citizens from the community will have an opportunity Tuesday evening (April 7) to discuss current problems of pollution with one of the nation's outstanding environmental experts.

Dr. Howard T. Odum, a renowned ecologist, oceanographer and author, will appear on the campus under the auspices of the Society of Sigma Xi. His address, "Energy Systems and Survival—Can Man Live in his Environment?" will be open to the general public.

The lecture and discussion period is scheduled for 7:30 in Room 135 of Rankin Science Hall.

Dr. Odum, a native of Durham, is a Professor of Zoology, Environmental Science and Botany on the UNC-Chapel Hill campus. He held positions on the faculties at the University of Florida and at Duke University before joining the Chapel Hill staff in 1966.

He has served as principle investigator for many ecological research projects including the Rain Forest Project, the Tropical Weather School, the Woods Hole Project and the Puerto Rico Nuclear Center.

He collaborated with his brother, Dr. Eugene P. Odum,

to author an ecology text currently in use on the Appalachian campus.

A Sigma Xi representative, ASU chemistry professor Donald Sink, commented, "We feel that Dr. Odum's talk will come to

our campus and community at a very opportune time. His visit should produce an interesting evening and an opportunity for those interested to participate in a discussion of current problems."

## Census Day

April 1 is Census Day for the United States of America. From Aroostook County, Maine, to Hawaii, the westernmost island of Hawaii; from Point Barrow, Alaska, on the Arctic Ocean to Key West, Florida, it is the day for all Americans to be counted.

Harry Carpenter, Manager of the temporary census office in Hickory, reports that 450 census takers, after being sworn in this morning, started visiting households throughout the following counties: Alexander, Alleghany, Ashe, Avery, Burke, Caldwell, Catawba, Cleveland, Lincoln, Surry, Watauga and Wilkes.

Census questionnaires were distributed to households in these places by the Post Office a few days ago. They are to be filled out and held for the census taker to pick up. The District Manager says it will probably take from three to five weeks for the census takers to get around to all the households.

It is possible that some households did not receive a questionnaire, but the District Manager says they need not fear they will be missed because a census taker will find them and have a questionnaire for them.

## Lowe's Food, Rose's To Be Major Tenants

Construction is to begin immediately on Watauga Village, a shopping center to be located on a 12-acre tract fronting the present Holiday Inn of Boone.

Announcement comes this week from the owners, J. C. Faw of North Wilkesboro and T. G. Procter of Sanford.

Faw states that "the new shopping center will comprise 100,000 square feet under roof" with parking facilities for 400 cars.

The major tenants will be Lowe's Food Stores, occupying 22,000 square feet, and Rose's Department Store, with 40,500 square feet. Also, a drug store is soon to be announced along with other merchants and services.

The center is scheduled for completion in the late fall of 1970, according to the spokesman for Foster-Sturdivant, contractor for the project.

President of Lowe's Food Stores, Faw notes that Lowe's has grown from the first store in North Wilkesboro in 1956 to the present 16 stores with sales in excess of \$25 million last year.

Lowe's presently operates food stores in North Wilkesboro, West Jefferson, Mount Airy, Elkin, Statesville, Lincolnton, Hickory, Morganton and Lenoir. Units are under construction in Mocksville, Granite Falls and Newton-Conover.

T. B. Rose Jr., chairman of the board of The Rose Company, says that Rose's has grown to total sales of more than \$156 million, as of 1969.

Last year in North Carolina Rose's opened new stores in Henderson, Fayetteville, Kinston, Ahsokie, Elizabeth City, Lexington, Dunn and Asheboro. This year a new store will be opened in Morganton, with 14 others in the southeastern states.

## To Be Finished In '70

# Work To Start At Once On New Shopping Center



TRAFFIC IS BEING MAINTAINED DURING CONSTRUCTION

## 4-Lane Project Starts On U. S. 421

Grading is progressing on making a four-lane section of highway U. S. 421 from a point near the Wilkes County line in the direction of Deep Gap.

Watauga County's first four-lane road, the new construction is one and six tenths miles

in length and the project should be completed in July, barring unforeseen difficulties, according to eleventh district engineer, J. E. Doughton. The estimated cost of the improvement is \$400,000.

Mr. Doughton said this is the

start toward relieving the traffic situation on 421. With the heavy truck traffic on the mountain, traffic has been frequently slowed. There are few places where passing is possible from the foot of the mountain to Deep Gap.

Work is proceeding with a minimum of inconvenience to travelers so far.

The State Highway Department is doing the grading. Some rental equipment is also being used, Mr. Doughton said.

## Sales Tax Take Is Up \$142,045 Locally In 1969

Sales and use tax collections in North Carolina during 1969 have been reported and indicate that every county in North Carolina experienced an increase in gross collections except Polk and Transylvania.

The greatest increase occurred in Avery County (25.39%) and the lowest, 41% in Greene County.

In Watauga County there was a gain in sales tax collections of 15.97%. In 1968 \$889,435 was collected, while in 1969 the take was \$1,031,480.

In Avery County the 1968 collection was \$260,176 as compared to \$326,224 in 1969.

The gain in Ashe County was 12.17%, collections in 1969 being \$519,443 and in 1968, \$463,071.

In Wilkes County the gain in collections was 9.87%. Collections there were \$1,734,201 in 1969 and \$1,578,454 in 1968.

In Caldwell \$2,130,500 was collected in 1969 and \$1,892,579 in 1968 for a gain of 12.57%.

Statewide, sales tax collections were up 10.42% from \$230,895,541 in 1968 to \$254,963,025 in 1969 for an increase of \$24,067,484.



TED HAGAMAN

## Ted Hagaman Gets Position At University

Ted Hagaman, president of the laundry division of Trailway Laundry and Cleaners in Boone, has been named a staff member of the Department of Business Affairs on the Appalachian State University campus.

His appointment as Assistant Director of Purchasing fills the vacancy created earlier this month when W. Worth Hall was named to head the purchasing division of the university.

In announcing the appointment which is effective today (April 1), ASU Director of Business Affairs, Ned Trivette said, "We feel fortunate to be able to

tion projects.

"It also has helped strengthen overall programs, such as those for small flood control projects, and for the Soil Conservation Service's watershed protection and flood prevention projects."

## Rangers Expect Many Anglers

Rangers on the Blue Ridge Parkway are expecting record numbers of fishermen when trout season opens April 4th.

The major stocking program conducted in cooperation with the U. S. Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife has provided a good supply of brook, rainbow, and brown trout in many park waters. Fishermen in the Doughton or Cone Price Parks are requested to record their fishing results to aid in the administration of the stocking program. The fishermen register stations will be on Basin Creek, Price Lake, Trout Lake, and Boone Fork.

All fishermen are reminded that a new Park Service regulation prohibits the possession of any natural or organic bait on waters where artificial lures and flies are the only legal bait.

Litter left by fishermen is an increasing problem on the shores of lakes and streams.

## Mayor Named To National Group

In a letter dated March 23, Boone Mayor Gordon H. Winkler was notified of his appointment to a national congress by Gov. Bob Scott.

"I appoint you as a delegate to the National Rivers and Harbors Congress," the Governor wrote. "Also, I have made appointment to the position of Chairman of our Delegation."

The text of the letter: "I have been informed of your interest in the State's water resources development and the National Rivers and Harbors Congress.

"This organization has been a great help through the years in supporting authorization of the projects which make up our large and growing program.

"Many North Carolinians have participated in its efforts, which have resulted in such projects as the W. Kerr Scott Dam, which is completed, and the New Hope and Falls dams, now ready for construction, as well as extensive harbor improvements and beach protection projects.

## Girl Scouts To Have Car Wash

Girl Scout Troop 245 of Boone will hold a car wash from 9 a. m. to 5 p. m. Saturday.

They will be stationed at Critcher & Iol Esso Service on East King Street next to the Thrift Food Center.



DR. LAWRENCE

## Dr. Lawrence Is Named Head Of N. C. Baptist Men

Boone dentist Dr. Jack Lawrence was named president of the North Carolina Baptist Men last month at the annual Men and Boys Convention in Fayetteville.

The March 20-21 convention was held in the Cumberland County Memorial Coliseum where some 4,000 men and boys assembled Friday night the 20th to hear addresses by Dr. Robert Hinson, Miss North Carolina Patsy Johnson and former Yankee second baseman Bobby Richardson.

Lawrence succeeds Judge B. T. Henderson of Winston-Salem. Elected as his supporting officers are Joe Lennon, Aber-



DEMOCRATS RALLY—Rufus Edmisten (second from left) chats with four of the Democratic candidates appearing at the party's March 26 rally at the courthouse. They are Sheriff Ward G. Carroll, Hayden Pitts, George Smitherman and J. D. Shoemaker, (Staff photo)

## Rufus Edmisten Calls For Unity At Democrat Meeting

A call for unity among members of the Democratic Party in Watauga County was voiced Thursday night, March 26, at a party rally in the Courthouse.

Rufus Edmisten, committee counsel for U. S. Sen. Sam Ervin, told the gathering that "We must stop fighting among ourselves . . . let's show unity and win next fall."

Edmisten said there's room in the Democratic Party for every viewpoint. Otherwise it would not be the Democratic Party, he said.

The Watauga native offered a salute to the aging members of the Democratic Party. "They're what made this country great," he said.

Turning to the national level, Edmisten said that the National Democratic Party has been of great service to all the people

of the United States over the years.

He said the Nixon "honeymoon" in Washington is about over. He said the administration already has started taking away the rights of the people in violation of the Fourth Amendment. He cited the Drug Control Act in which the Administration has called for the "no-knock" provision.

Under this section, law enforcement officers may enter, search and make seizures in a citizen's private residence without a search warrant if there is suspicion of drugs inside.

And citing President Nixon's call for control of pollution, Edmisten said the Administration already has pulled some \$800 million away from the program.

Mrs. Bill Greene, vice-

chairman of the Watauga YDC, presided at the meeting. Some 25 Democratic candidates and party members attended.

Registration for new voters in Watauga County will begin Saturday, April 4, with books remaining open for the next two Saturdays, April 11 and 18, in each precinct.

Dayton Winebarger, chairman of the Watauga County Board of Elections, said the registration books will be open from 9 a. m. to 6:30 p. m. each Saturday.

Challenge Day will be Saturday, April 25.

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