



**BEAR IS DINNER GUEST**—George Flowers, Boone photographer, snapped this picture of Brad Wagner, son of Mr. and Mrs. Estel Wagner as he has just passed a honeyed slice of bread to a sizable bear that showed up just in time for dinner last Tuesday. Sheriff Ward Carroll looks on. Mrs. Wagner was looking out a picture window when she saw the bear looking in. Sheriff Carroll was called. Finding the bear friendly Mrs. Wagner fed it a couple of plates of scrambled eggs, a plate of baked ham and the children of the neighborhood supplied a quart of honey to spread on bread slices to finish the sumptuous meal. The bear went into the woods. The Sheriff called the Wildlife Commission officers who caught the bruin late in the evening and placed it in the federal refuge area in the Globe section. The refuge, the likely home of the bear, is 15 miles from the Wagner home on Hillcrest Drive in Boone.

## Preliminary Census Figures

# County Population Soars By Over 29%

### No Tally On Two Towns In Watauga

Watauga has chalked up an impressive population gain in the past decade, according to preliminary figures announced Monday by District Manager Harry Carpenter, who supervised the taking of the 1970 census of population and housing in this area.

The figures indicate that the county now has 22,660 inhabitants as compared to 17,529 in 1960. The growth was pinpointed with accuracy some time ago by the Population Center at the University in Chapel Hill.

The Watauga gain of 5,131 represents a growth of 29.27%.

Figures for Watauga's two towns, Boone and Blowing Rock, haven't been released, but presumably the principal growth has been in Boone where the University has attracted increasing numbers of people to the vicinity. Industries have brought others and slowed the migration from the county to northern industrial centers. Retirement families have also moved into the county in considerable numbers. The exclusive residential centers and tourist facilities have upped the count.

Preliminary figures (left column) for the counties in the local census area as compared to the 1960 official figures (right column), together with those for principal cities in the census area, follow:

PLACE	1970 (Prelim.)	1960 (Official)
COUNTY	22,660	17,529
Alexander	18,599	15,625
Alleghany	7,815	7,734
Ashe	18,768	19,768
Avery	12,154	12,009
Burke	57,398	52,701
Caldwell	86,853	73,191
Catawba	71,349	66,048
Lincoln	31,940	28,814
Surry	50,112	48,205
Watauga	22,660	17,529
Wilkes	47,494	45,269
CITY		
Lenoir	14,422	10,257
Morganton	12,907	9,186
Hickory	20,236	19,328
Shelby	16,094	17,698

Mr. Carpenter says the Census Bureau will commence this fall to publish official population figures for all areas in the United States—States, counties, cities, towns and villages.

The District Managers expressed his own and the Census Bureau's thanks to the residents of the area, to officials, the newspapers, and the broadcasting stations for their cooperation in the taking of Census '70 here.



DRAWING OF PROPOSED TRAV-L-PARK

## Travel-L-Park Newest Blowing Rock Project

MEMPHIS, TENN., June 2—Holiday Inns, Inc., today announced the locations of its first five Trav-L-Parks, one of which will be located at Blowing Rock. Two others will be opened in mid-June as the fore-runners of a proposed nationwide chain of outdoor camping facilities. The first Holiday Inn Trav-L-Park will be near Angola, Ind., and Destin, Fla., said Davis Smith, director of the program for Holiday Inns, Inc., Memphis-based parent company for the world's largest motel-hotel system. Three other parks will open later near Homestead, Fla., Jamestown, Va., and Blowing Rock, and others

will be announced later, he said. "Trav-L-Parks are designed to provide comfort and convenience to families who bring their own rooms, on wheels," said Mr. Smith. "Everything else they need will be available in the parks: water, electricity, sewer hook-ups, and pull-through drives which eliminate having to back in or out. In a central building there will be laundry facilities, ceramic tile showers, a country store, a gift shop, and a large recreational room. Each individual rental space in the parks will have its own grass-covered front yard area with picnic tables."

The Angola, Ind., Trav-L-Park will be near Pokagon State Park and Lake James, on 80 acres of land adjoining the Angola Holiday Inn. The lake-studded area, in northeast Indiana near the Michigan border, is a year-round haven for outdoor sports enthusiasts. The park site, with 300 rental spaces, will be easily accessible to motorists traveling on the Indiana Toll Road (Gate 12), and Interstate 69. Campers there will find full, year-round recreation facilities for the entire family, in-

cluding swimming, fishing, boating, water skiing, horseback riding, golf, and miniature golf. During snow seasons the Angola area offers skiing, ice skating, a toboggan slide and other winter sports. A large recreation center with a dance hall is also being constructed in the Angola Trav-L-Park. Scheduled for opening in May, 1971, is a Trav-L-Park in the Blue Ridge Mountains near

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### Assigned By Red Cross As Asst. Field Director

Miss Mary E. Cooke, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. H. M. Cooke of Boone, N. C., has reported to Fort Gordon, Ga., as an assistant field director for the Red Cross.

Miss Cooke's duties include counseling with servicemen in personal and family problems, providing emergency financial aid, assisting with communications between servicemen and their families, furnishing assistance in obtaining government benefits and interpreting Red Cross services to military personnel.

The Red Cross has more than 800 staff members at U. S. military installations in this country and overseas. The re-

sponsibility for services to the Armed Forces was given to Red Cross by the United States Congress.

Serving as a bridge between the personal and military aspects of a serviceman's life by helping with problems he cannot handle alone, Red Cross staff and volunteers assist nearly 103,000 military personnel each month.

Miss Cooke was a social worker for the State of Florida before joining the Red Cross staff. Last fall she was loaned to the Red Cross as a case-worker to assist victims of Hurricane Camille. She has her bachelor's degree from the University of North Carolina in Greensboro.

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## Bequest Of \$76,348 To Honor Memory Of Lovill

A bequest totaling \$76,348.33 has been given to Appalachian State University for the establishment of a scholarship fund honoring a co-founder of the institution. The gift was provided in the will of the late Margaret Lovill Brawley of Greensboro to create the Capt. E. F. Lovill Fund in

memory of her father.

Lovill, co-author of the General Assembly bill which established Appalachian as a state institution in 1903, served as chairman of the Board of Trustees here from 1903 until his death in 1925.

He was a graduate of the old Siloam Academy in Surry

County and served as a Confederate Captain in the Civil War. His life included exciting episodes as a cowboy on the Texas frontier, a collector of federal taxes and as a Commissioner of Indian Titles in Minnesota.

As a lawyer and estate senator, he led a battle in the General Assembly.

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## Four-Laning Of 321-421 On Way

The future plans of the State Highway Commission include the widening and four-laning of U. S. 421 from Winston-Salem to the Tennessee line and the widening and four-laning of 321 from Gastonia to Boone, according to Arch Laney, Public Relations Director for the State Highway Commission. Laney addressed the Boone

Rotary Club Thursday night. There are 73,500 miles of roads under the state system which is 1,500 miles more than the combined state road systems of South Carolina, Tennessee and Georgia, Laney said. These roads represent some 10% of all state maintained roads in the nation and North Carolina maintains these roads with 3%

of the total money spent in the nation.

Watauga County will receive \$430,000 to pave 30 miles of secondary roads, the Director added.

Maintenance cost on an unpaved secondary road is \$500 a mile while maintenance cost on the same road that is paved

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ARCH LANEY, Public Relations Director of the State Highway Commission is seen addressing the Boone Rotary Club. At the left is Stanley Harris, Jr., Rotary Club Treasurer and at the right is Tom Winkler, Area Maintenance Engineer with the Highway Department. (Staff photo)

## Governor Scott Acts To Improve Disputed Road

Members of the Holy Communion Lutheran Church will get a disputed section of the road from Foscoe upgraded this year through a direct allocation of \$25,000 from Governor Scott from the "unappropriated surplus fund."

The Governor says the funds would not be sufficient for paving the 1.4 mile road but "should

be adequate for the replacing of existing drainage pipes, provision of additional drainage, some minor shaping and the placing of adequate stone surfacing material."

That appears to be about all Rev. Larry D. Campbell, pastor of the church to which the road provides the quietest access, has been asking for several years.

Campbell was away on vacation when the news of the Governor's action was received, but his parishioners are said to be very happy at this turn in events.

Scott announced the appropriation in a June 3 letter to the Rev. George Shuford, editor of the North Carolina Lutheran, Shuford, who was pastor for five years of a three-church parish that included Holy Communion, has crusaded editorially for improvement of the road.

Scott's letter was a reply to one Shuford had written him several days earlier outlining the efforts that have been made to get the road fixed.

Scott told Shuford that "it may be some time before the actual improvements can be made" because the state is "now engaged in the most extensive highway program it has ever known."

"I do, however, expect this improvement to be made prior to the 1970-71 winter months," Scott said.

Scott said he was requesting the State Highway Commission "to make this improvement just as quickly as it can be worked into their construction schedule."

In March the Townsend Gap Development group was organized with a view to raising

\$15,000 for private financing of the project.

In its April 9th issue the Democrat gave in-depth coverage of the situation.

At that time G. F. Mast, District Highway engineer, was quoted as saying that the disputed road needs no state requirements for improvement as it has no houses and does not

serve a bus or mail route. He said a standard road would cost \$50,000 to \$75,000 and that the total maintenance and improvement budget for Watauga this year is \$230,000.

Holy Communion Church, it was stated in the article, could be reached by the Clark's Creek