

## Preliminary Census Report Released

# Boone Population Is Set At 8,566

### Gain Of 132.39% Is Seen In Last Decade

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The Town of Boone's population has increased 132.39 per cent in the 10 years since the 1960 census was taken.

That places current population at 8,566, according to Frank Bateman, speaking from the Charlotte office of the United States Bureau of the Census.

Although the Bureau stated in June that Watauga County now has 22,660 persons—a 29.27 per cent growth over 1960—the break-down in housing, income, ownership, age, education and other status has not yet been completed.

The job turned out to be bigger than Bateman estimated when last March he said preliminary county populations might be announced by the end of April.

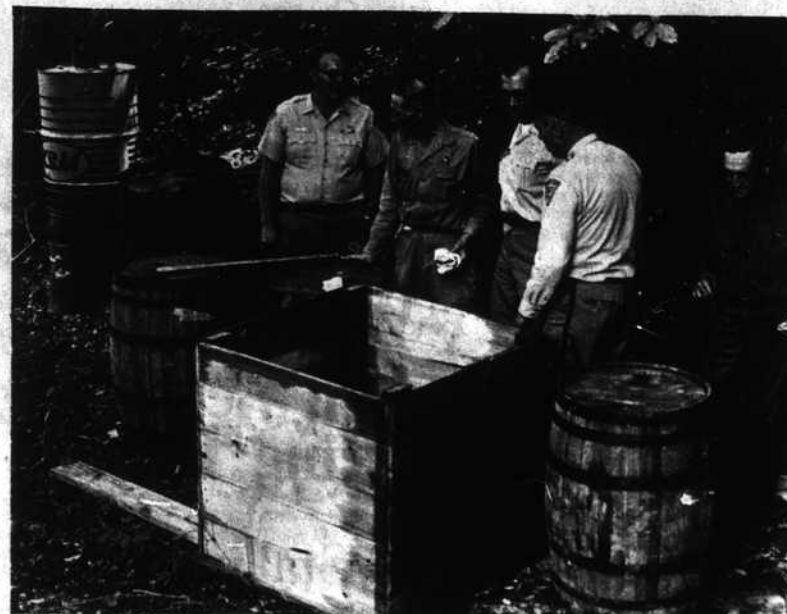
Monday he said no total is available for the county's other municipality, Blowing Rock, but only can be supplied for towns of more than 1,000 full-time residency.

It is by act of Congress that a national census is taken every 10 years, Bateman says, "to establish representation in the U. S. House of Representatives."

In 1950, Boone's population was 2,973 and grew by only 713 in the ensuing 10 years. The increase between 1960 and this year was a remarkable 4,880.

In 1950, the county total was 18,342, a figure which shrunk by 813 when the 1960 census was in. But the 10 years up until 1970 saw a growth of 5,131 (total, 22,660)—very near the prediction of the Population Center at Chapel Hill.

According to District Manager Harry Carpenter, official tabulations will be forthcoming this fall. The 1970 figures given herein are preliminary releases.



Another Still-Kill

On a tip, members of the Watauga Sheriff's Department located another illegal whiskey still last week. The operation was found about 11:30 last Thursday morning and they began rendering it down to splinters about 2 in the afternoon. Seen in this forested niche of the Triplett Community (from left) are Deputies B. W. Winkler, Arvil Perry, Johnny Carroll, Sheriff Ward G. Carroll and Deputy Alex South. In his administration, Carroll says the department has broken up between 10 and 12 stills—approximately six during the first year he was in office. They didn't have time to stake out the still, which he estimates was 11-1/2 miles from Boone. But one barrel had been used, "and the rest of it was new," says Carroll. (Photo—George Flowers)

## Chamber Member Drive Starts Tuesday

"I'm quite positive that our team will collect more money than anybody else," said Ranny Phillips Monday.

And this was the first challenge delivered by a team captain in the upcoming

### Trash Burning Permits Not To Be Issued

Permits for open burning of trash can no longer be given by Boone Fire Chief Phil Vance Jr.

In council Aug. 20, Vance asked if the new state law prohibiting open burning (effective July 1) applies to small trash fires here.

It was understood that the law prohibits all open burning.

## Yule Tree Honor Won By Area Man

A signal honor has come to the North Carolina mountains through Avery County Christmas tree grower Kermit Johnson.

Johnson's eight-foot Fraser Fir, which was grown on his farm in Crossnore, was the winner of the National Christmas Tree Grower Contest held the middle of August in Burlington, Vermont.

And the big tree is to be shipped to Washington in December to be placed in the Blue Room of the White House.

Johnson is the first Tarheel ever to win the national competition. Trees from 17 well-known Christmas tree growing states were entered. But the one from Avery, "The Shrubbery Capital of North Carolina", seemed destined to win.

It was selected from Johnson's plantation by Johnson, Ross Douglas, and by Homer Sides who took the fir to Vermont for the competition.

Johnson has grown Christmas trees for 10 years and the announcement that he won was made by Homer Sides, who is president of the N. C. Christmas Tree Growers Association.

### Dr. Rogers Joins Music Faculty ASU

Dr. Kirby Rogers, an accomplished soloist and choral conductor, has joined the music faculty at Appalachian State University and will begin duties here next week.

Rogers will serve as coordinator of the voice and choral faculty, conduct the University Singers, and will teach music history, literature, voice and sacred music.

He comes to Boone from Brunswick, Ga., where he taught in the state university system.

Rogers attended Stetson University with a scholarship in voice and received the Bachelor of Music degree there in 1958. He holds a Master of Church Music degree from New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary and a Ph. D. degree from Florida State University.

Active in sacred music since the early 1950s, Rogers has served as soloist, conductor and choir member in churches of various denominations for almost 20 years. He was assistant director of FSU's summer music camp and was assistant director of a church youth camp for three years.

His publications include "An Index to Maurice Frost's English and Scottish Psalm and Hymn Tunes" published by the Music Library Association and "A Bibliography of Materials Related to Programmed Instruction in Music" scheduled for publication in The Journal of Research of Music Education in 1970.



DR. KIRBY ROGERS



This grade school picture of Virginia Main, now 20, strongly resembles Virginia as she appeared the last time she was seen.

## Todd Girl Sought; Last Seen Aug. 21

Virginia Main has brown eyes and long black hair. And the last anyone saw of her, she was wearing white slacks and a white tunic over a brown-striped blouse with long sleeves.

The search has been frantic and fruitless in Gastonia, which is where the girl was living—helping care for an elderly invalid woman and her husband—when last seen on Aug. 21.

Virginia's mother, Mrs. Biddie Main of Todd, did not learn about the matter until Sunday, Aug. 23, because the couple had notified police and were in hopes things would turn out alright and a call would not be necessary.

Born and reared in Ashe County, Mrs. Main has lived on the Watauga side of Todd for 41 years. A July 21 drowning accident claimed the life of her husband, Thomas Marvin Main.

And now Mrs. Main is making a public appeal for help in locating her daughter. She had no recent picture of Virginia, but says the photograph made when the

child attended school at Todd, is sufficient for identification of the girl.

Mrs. Main fears "Someone's picked her up. She wouldn't go off... she loved those people she was staying with."

Every Friday evening, Virginia was accustomed to going downtown to shop Gastonia stores. When she left the house about 6:30, "she didn't even take her pocketbook, just her change purse," Mrs. Main reported.

One of the couple's sons saw

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## Board Increases Recreation Budget

The Town Board of Aldermen tonight approved a request from the Boone Parks & Recreation Commission for a \$1,800 increase in its budget at its regular August meeting.

That made the town's allotment for city recreation total \$16,800 for the fiscal year out of which it will pay its own expenses. And it brought about some discussion about getting a county-town recreation program going.

Alderman Howard Cottrell said that he felt as long as the

### ASU To Start 67th Fall Term Next Tuesday

A throng of 7,000 students faculty members will return to the Appalachian State University campus next week as the school begins its 67th fall term on Sept. 7.

ASU's faculty will hold its first meeting Monday morning with some 300 returning faculty members and 70 new instructors.

Dormitories will open on the campus at 8 a. m. Monday and registration will be conducted in the university's Varsity Gymnasium on Tuesday and Wednesday.

Fall quarter classes begin on the campus Thursday morning, Sept. 10.

money is being put into the department by the town alone that it should be used only for recreation in town.

Alderman Mack McCreary added "there is too much involvement in the county without county supplement," and they agreed that a more serviceable program would result from joint participation.

Cottrell said a 100-foot swimming pool could be constructed on a self-liquidating basis if the county could match the town's recreation expenditures in a dual recreation effort.

The town is going to make a further check on its well located on four lots of the Stansberry division near Appalachian South Apartments.

Mayor Gordon Winkler explained that during the dry spell, the town had supplemented its water by using the well, but the water-lubricated pump burned out when the water level went

down.

No action was taken as to whether to consider those lots as municipal surplus to be sold. The well is to be checked to see whether its gallons-per-minute have increased.

The board voted to buy a Victor calculating machine for city hall.

EMERGENCY  
The board accepted a bid from Johnson-Cook Ford, Inc., to deliver within three weeks a truck to carry the town's garbage packing mechanism.

The truck which came with the packer had broken down, been repaired and again out of service four times in the last two weeks. The situation was described as an emergency and the Mayor explained that partial service to owners of the large business-type containers was being continued only as men could shovel out the containers and haul away the refuse on dump trucks.

The low bid was \$5,766 for a

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## \$1,100,340 Of Sales Tax Paid In Watauga

Watauga County business people passed over to the State \$1,100,340.62 in sales and use tax collections during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1970, according to an analysis of retail sales by counties and business groups during the period.

The data is compiled from Sales and use tax reports filed monthly by more than 97,000 merchants in the State.

Following is a breakdown of local sales and tax collections in the various categories:

	Gross Collections	Gross Retail Sales
1% Retail Sales	1,855.44	191,156
2% Auto & Planes	82,648.31	4,353,007
Apparel	36,474.11	1,265,302
Automotive	92,647.26	7,811,960
Food	359,847.51	12,900,250
Furniture	68,491.82	2,639,023
General Merchandise	152,479.37	6,189,003
Building Materials	149,846.60	5,356,350
Unclassified Group	142,843.46	5,411,482
Use Tax — 1% & 3%	12,843.14	
Licenses — Wholesale & Reg.	763.60	
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$ 1,100,340.62</b>	<b>\$ 46,117,533</b>

### Bids For New School To Be Open Tonight

The Board of Education, along with county schools superintendent Swanson Richards, will meet at 3 Thursday afternoon at the Courthouse to open bids for five contracts for the construction of Hardin Park Elementary School in Boone.

The contracts are for general, electrical, heating, plumbing, and kitchen equipment.

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