

Watauga County 22,660
10 Year Gain 29.27%
Boone 8,566
10 Year Gain 132.39%
U. S. Census Figures, 1970 Preliminary Report.



The reading of bids was completed in about half an hour last Thursday. Seated (from left) are Board of Education member S. C. Eggers Sr., architect Fred Butner Jr., (standing) Butner's associate Elwood Wilson, and schools superintendent Swanson Richards and board member Hugh Hagaman. At extreme left is John H. Bingham, the board's attorney. (Staff photo)

Many Queries, Problems Come To Chamber Office

"I am a student and would like to transfer to Boone. Can you give me some information about accommodations, employment?"

"Please send a list of the presidents of local businesses."

"What are the dates of Horn in the West? How can I get tickets?"

"We need brochures and real estate information."

"Please send the name of a good insurance company."

Such requests are commonplace at the office of the Boone Area Chamber of Commerce, and Mrs. Frank Ragan, Mrs. Bennie Miller and Miss Pat Pardue can tell you all about it—between answering telephone calls and waiting on customers at the counter.

Starting Monday, a fourth young woman will be working part-time at the Boone Chamber. She is Mrs. Tony (Deborah) Ray.

And there's never a dull moment for any of them.

The girls give information about license tags and in winter operate the local License Bureau for the convenience of residents.

They keep listings of rental property.

Sometimes they help people get reservations—or in lieu of vacancies in area motels, they contact residents who will rent a room or two for the night.

In the case someone wants to know the name of a good business of any kind, Mrs. Miller says they supply a list of all firms—such as all insurance agents, all real estate dealers, and so on.

The letters to be answered each day average 20, but Chamber Manager Fred McNeal says up to 200 letters have been answered in one day.

And in keeping with the emergence of the area as a year-around recreation retreat, there's no let-up in the work to be done.

The girls have a mimeographing department

from which they disburse minutes of Chamber membership and directors' meetings and other materials as called for.

They are regularly called upon to explain how to get there from here; to help people find jobs; to prepare material for Chamber publications; to help locate people who are vacationing here, but the caller doesn't know where.

And they hear complaints about poor service in a motel or

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Superior Court Set For 21st

Watauga Superior Court will convene Monday September 21, with Judge P. C. Froneberger of Gastonia, presiding. Hon. W. H. Childs, Jr., the Solicitor will prosecute the docket of some 40 cases, 18 of which are misdemeanors and 22 felonies.

The following have been summoned for jury duty:

Dorothy L. Aldridge, Floy Baird, Faye Perry Calloway, Ralph Church, Don C. Cook, William F. Edmisten, Mary Sue Greene, Rosa Eva Greene, Lena M. Harmon, Charles Oscar Hartley, Clayton Hicks, Mrs. Clyde T. Jones, Howard Bingham McGuire, Gardner Matheson, William H. Miller, Susie G. Norris, Wilborn Rominger, Cecil Lee Small and Bonnie H. Steilman.

Ronald Steve Triplett, Alfred B. Veale, Mrs. L. A. Isenhour, Charles S. Ross, Harold E. Rice, Nathan T. Ward, James B. Graham, Thomas E. Miller and Roy W. Young.

Also, John Crooks Bailey, Robert Raymond Bond, Randall C. Cannon, Earl Elmer Colvard, William E. Cox, Ella Mae Fletcher, Dennis O. Greene, Millard Cecil Hagaman, Madge Harmon, Doyce Mae Harmon, Betty Ruth Holder, Florence H. Lewis, Margaret Ann McGuire, Ruby S. Michael, Mary Louise Norris, Don A. Shell, Catherine J. Smith, William Gilbert Spencer, Larry Finley Story, Susie Louise Underwood, L. H. Hodges, Roy Norris, Clyde Williams, Frank W. Lewis and Hazel C. Winkler.

Inquest Will Be Held In Death Of Mrs. Parker

Watauga County Coroner Barney Hampton and Highway Patrolman William Bishop are continuing their investigation of the circumstances surrounding the death on Monday of Mrs. Faye Whitehead Parker, 34.

Mrs. Parker, a resident of Lakeview Drive in Statesville, her two daughters and son were on a camping trip with Lawrence Holton and it was Monday when Mrs. Parker either fell or jumped from the pickup truck pulling a camper trailer.

The Coroner said Mrs. Parker apparently died instantly. She was dead on

Proposals Are Opened Thursday

Some 25 company representatives were present last Thursday when bids for the five contracts for the new Hardin Park Elementary School in Boone were opened.

Meeting that night, the Board of Education settled on the low bidders and notification is given as follows by Dr. Swanson Richards, Superintendent of County Schools.

The general contractor will be Foster-Sturdivant Company who bid \$1,079,990.

Plumbing contractor will be R. D. Boyer Plumbing Company, a Winston-Salem firm which bid \$89,600. The heating work, at a cost of \$197,367, will be done by Southern Piping and Engineering Company, Charlotte.

Electrical work will be done by Commercial Electric Company, Inc., of Greensboro, this bid being \$119,133. And Foodcraft Equipment Company, having bid \$33,600, will supply kitchen equipment. The fees of architect Fred Butner Jr. came to \$87,766.

All contracts except the one for kitchen equipment had alternates for which bids were set down separately. Dr. Richards said "We accepted all of the 'add alternates' on the building, which would be additional walkways, outside lights and this type of things."

The grand total of bids was \$1,627,516 and \$160,000 was spent for the elementary school site—part of the Grady Farthing farm in East Boone.

Voters earmarked \$900,000 of the school bonds they approved in November for the new Boone school and Appalachian State University secured \$1,250,000 toward the construction. ASU has need of the Appalachian Elementary School building, which belongs to the university.

Thus expenses for land and bids, when subtracted from the \$2,150,000 available for the Hardin Park school, leave \$362,484.

Dr. Richards explained the bids do not include costs of paving, seeding, landscaping, and furniture, but "Sufficient funds will be available to have a complete turn-key job."

Bids were opened by Elwood Wilson, an associate of architect Fred Butner Jr. who read the offers to some 30 businessmen. The meeting was held in the Courthouse basement.

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arrival at the Blowing Rock Hospital and the body has been taken to Morganton for autopsy.

The group had been staying at the Buffalo Camp near Boone's Fork and the woman's death occurred while the truck was being driven on U. S. 221 about four miles south of Blowing Rock.

Hampton said an inquest is to be conducted early next week. The body is to be buried in Carthage, Tenn., Mrs. Parker's home town.

The County Sheriff's Department is assisting in the investigation.

Foster-Sturdivant General Contractor

Low Bids New School Total Over \$1,627,000



The 77 new faculty members and 300 returning professors at Appalachian State University heard Dr. Herbert Wey reveal a slate of new ASU programs at their first official meeting on campus Monday morning. Above, Dr. Nicholas Erneston,

Dean of the College of Fine and Applied Arts, introduces the 18 new members of his faculty while Dr. Wey and Dr. Terry Epperson wait their turns at the podium.

ASU President Wey Tells Faculty Of New Programs

BY LEWIS GASTON ASU News Bureau

The president of Appalachian State University and 10 members of his administrative cabinet will return to the classroom as instructors for at least one course during this academic year.

Dr. Herbert Wey, who made the announcement Monday morning at the first meeting of his 377 faculty members, said, "The administrators of this university are here to serve the faculty and the students."

"We cannot do this unless we have an administrative involvement in the classroom."

Parkway Fee Collection Will Continue

Fee collection will continue in the Blue Ridge Parkway Campgrounds for the remainder of the travel season according to Superintendent Granville B. Liles.

All campgrounds will remain open through October 31. During the winter months camping will also be allowed with limited facilities at Otter Creek and Roanoke Mountain Campgrounds in Virginia and Doughton Park and Linville Falls Campgrounds in North Carolina.

Because of a shortage of personnel, payment of the camping fees in some cases will be on the honor system with the camper requested to pay the fee at the nearest Ranger Office. Fees will remain the same with \$2 being charged per site per night. Holders of the \$7 "Parklands Passport" are accorded at \$1 credit making the cost to them \$1 per site per night.

The meeting, at which 77 new instructors were introduced, was the first scheduled activity of the university's 67th academic year. Registration of an expected 7,000 students began Tuesday morning. Fall

quarter classes will start Thursday at 8 a. m. Other points from a slate of new programs revealed to the faculty by Wey included:

—A continued effort by the president to secure faculty

salaries here that are consistent throughout the state system of higher education. ASU's average nine-month salary of \$12,241 is below the average faculty paycheck at UNC-Chapel Hill, UNC-Greensboro and at N. C. State University, Wey pointed out: "Universities are beginning to rewrite their curriculums." Wey said,

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Campus Groups To Give Students Gay Welcome

Appalachian's Artist and Lecture Series and the university's Student Government Association have teamed to give ASU's students the welcome of their lives this weekend.

A double concert bill begins Friday at 8 p. m. with the Smithsonian Institute, a group described by A & L chairman Rogers Whitener as Nashville based jazz band with a repertoire ranging from bluegrass to hard rock.

The concert-dance takes place in Broom-Kirk Gym on the campus.

On Saturday at 8 p. m., Junior Walker and the All Stars will represent the SGA in a Varsity Gymnasium concert.

Walker, recognized as one of the top stars among the rock saxophonists, has recorded hits such as "Shotgun" and "What Does It Take (to win your love)". He and his Allstars have toured the country and have become acknowledged crowd pleasers.

Both concerts are open to the public. Students will be admitted by I. D. card and visitors to the campus may purchase tickets at the door.

Watauga Republicans Set Open House, Dinner

Saturday will be a double-barreled day for Watauga County Republicans.

available at headquarters as of Wednesday (Sept. 9), says Lura (Mrs. Ralph) Greene.

Open house will be held from 2 to 5 p. m. at Republican Headquarters on West King Street. And from 5 to 8, ham supper will be served at the Mabel School.

Congressman Jim Broyhill will begin his address to the dinner crowd about 8 p. m. Tickets, which are being sold throughout the county, are

Students For Meal Day Set For Oct. 4

The Students for a Meal Sunday, sponsored by the Community-Campus Relations Committee, will be held Oct. 4.

CCRC Tuesday night held a get-acquainted party, with Watauga County freshmen students playing hosts to the other freshmen on campus. Cokes and cookies were served and music was provided.

Also, the committee is having "Welcome to Mountaineer Country" strips made to be put on area billboards.

Body Missing Girl Found Near Dallas

A young native of the Watauga section of Todd was found dead last week in the woods near Dallas.

The victim, 20-year-old Virginia Main, had been missing since Aug. 21, the night she left the home of Mr. and Mrs. Coyt Matthews, Gastonia residents, to go shopping downtown.

She was found Wednesday, Sept. 2, her body badly decomposed and Gaston County Coroner Bill McLean said the following day that the girl was shot in the head with three .25-caliber bullets.

The Coroner said the disarray of Miss Main's clothing suggested she was sexually molested, "that this may have been the motive for the attack that took her life." A definite conclusion would be difficult, he said, as the body had been exposed to extremely warm weather for about 12 days.

The Matthews turned in a missing person report in Gastonia on Saturday, Aug. 22. Her mother, Mrs. Biddie Main of Todd, learned Virginia was missing Sunday, Aug. 23, and began efforts through newspapers and radio stations to learn her daughter's whereabouts. The girl's father died July 21 in a drowning accident.

Near Miss Main's partially disrobed body lay a can of hair spray and an Aug. 21 copy of the Gastonia Gazette. That was the night she told Mr. and Mrs. Matthews that she would be returning home after shopping in Gastonia.

Miss Main was a housekeeper and companion to Mrs. Matthews, an invalid. One of the Matthews' sons had reported seeing Virginia downtown about 7:30. He said she had bought a record and a newspaper and was planning to return to the house after buying some shoes.

The body was discovered early Wednesday morning of last week just off a rural road north of Dallas. Other items police found near her were a record, newly purchased pantyhose, car keys, a small handbag and a box of Anacin.

Miss Main is survived by her mother, Mrs. Biddie H. Main of Todd; seven sisters, Mrs. Wade Miller, Mrs. Dean Miller and Mrs. Wayne Elm of Bristol, Va., Mrs. Robert Wood and Mrs. Elmer Greene of King George, Va., Mrs. Buri Miller of Fleetwood and Mrs. Guy Miller of New Castle, Del.; and six brothers, Johnny and Glenn Main of Boone, and Dean, Walter, Thomas and Billy Main of Todd.

The funeral was held at 2 p. m. Saturday at Blackburn Tabernacle, Todd. Burial was in the Hopewell Cemetery.

Boone Weather table with columns for 1970 HI, Lo, Prec., Snow '69, HI, Lo for dates Sept. 1-7.