

# Population

Watauga County 22,660

10 Year Gain 29.27%

Boone 8,566

10 Year Gain 132.39%

1970 Preliminary Census Report

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BOONE WEATHER				
1970	Hi	Lo	Prec.	Snow '69
Sept. 15	79	46		73
Sept. 16	78	46		75
Sept. 17	81	49		74
Sept. 18	77	55		77
Sept. 19	76	58	Tr.	72
Sept. 20	79	58		58
Sept. 21	79	55	.03	59

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The Barnett Building on East King Street has been offered to the Town Board of Aldermen. Board members along with Mayor Gordon H. Winkler Friday inspected the building, which has apart-

ments upstairs. They also took a look at a house and lot for sale on Queen Street. The price of the building would be \$90,000 and the house and lot would cost \$20,000. (Staff photo—Armfield Coffey)

## Democrat Campaign Kickoff

# Broyhill Record Is Target Of Whitener

## 325 Gather For Rally, Luncheon

BY RACHEL R. COFFEY

Former Congressman Basil L. Whitener told some 325 persons Saturday "My opponent says that he is concerned about the problems. Can you name one suggestion he has made to lighten the burdens of unemployment, high interest rates, inflation, or the cessation of the war in Southeast Asia?"

In Boone for the Democratic kickoff campaign rally held at Appalachian Elementary School, Whitener struck out at his Republican opponent, Congressman James Broyhill.

Referring to Rep. Broyhill's speech at Mabel School the previous Saturday, Whitener quoted his opponent as saying he fought for "urgently needed changes in government," including inflation and deficit spending.

The former Congressman asked "Where has he been in the past 20 months while deficit spending is rising to an estimated \$13 billion—the highest in years?" In the past, said Whitener, he and Broyhill had both voted "against increasing the debt ceiling," but said Broyhill had changed his mind under the Nixon administration, apparently.

"What has he done to halt the interest rate increase to the highest level since the War Between the States?" Whitener asked. "I'll tell you where he has been. He has been sipping tea at tea parties and embassy social events," and he charged that this has left the people of the Tenth District "deafened" by his silence on the important issues of the day.

Whitener, who was a member of Congress for 12 years, referred again to Broyhill's speech here, asking "Are you satisfied with his allegation that the press 'buried the story' of a message (sent to Congress) by the President and his statement that he supports Nixon 100 per cent?"

"I am sure that the people of our district expect more than this from a person in a leadership role. . . . While I was not sure I was always right, I believe that the record shows that I've never worn the

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Congressman Basil Whitener, Democratic candidate for re-election to the Congressional District which includes Watauga, is seen with Mrs. Edie Andrews, a co-chairman of the Whitener campaign in the county, and with State YDC President Bob Bingham (right), who is co-ordinating the campaign throughout the Tenth District. (Staff photo)

## Advisory Budget Commission Hears Requests University

A request for \$250,000 to support a new program of four "specialist" degrees in higher education was Appalachian State University's top priority among 26 items presented Wednesday to the Advisory Budget Commission.

Already approved by the N. C. Board of Higher Education, the programs would award a degree between the master's and the doctorate for the preparation of two-year and four-year college teachers. Appalachian asked for \$125,000 in 1971-72 and for the same amount for 1972-73 to launch the specialist degrees in biology, higher education, elementary education and educational leadership.

Other items brought the total of requests to \$2,702,184 for

1971-72 and \$3,424,142 for 1972-73:

The university petitioned by categories for:

—\$1,986,234 in 1971-72 and \$2,690,960 in 1972-73 for the improvement of teaching and (Continued on page two)



Jane Fonda, activist and actress, will speak Thursday, Nov. 5, at Appalachian.

## Jane Fonda Will Appear At ASU

Activist Jane Fonda and journalist James J. Kilpatrick will headline a list of fall term Artist and Lecture Series speakers on the Appalachian State University campus.

Kilpatrick, whose syndicated column, "A Conservative View," established its author as one of the South's most gifted journalists, will keynote the lecture series here Oct. 14. His topic will be "The Death of Liberty."

Miss Fonda, who is scheduled to appear here Thursday, Nov. 5, will speak on "Alternatives." Arrested four times by military police, she serves as the national coordinator of Vietnam Veterans Against the War.

The fee for her lecture is to be donated to the G. I. Office in Washington, D. C. Betty Friedan, feminist

leader and president of the National Organization of Women (NOW), will lecture on the campus Tuesday, Dec. 8. Author of "The Feminine Mystique," she will review the history of her eight-year-old movement.

A fourth speaker in the series, North Carolinian Frank Graham Jr., will appear here Jan. 21. In his lecture, as in his forthcoming new book "Politics and Pollution," Graham will discuss the dangers of world-wide contamination through the use of chemical pesticides and other air and water pollutants.

All lectures begin at 8 p. m. and are open to the public. No admission will be charged. Jane Fonda's appearance is scheduled for Broome-Kirk Gymnasium on the campus. All others will be staged in I. G. Greer Auditorium.

# Town Board Considers Buying Business House

The Town Board of Aldermen is considering purchasing the Barnett Building on East King Street and a house and lot also offered by Dewitt Barnett.

The second property is located on Queen Street.

The discussion arose last Thursday at the board's monthly meeting.

Mayor Gordon H. Winkler said Appalachian State University has an option on the tobacco burley warehouse on Faculty Street. Adjacent to the expanding campus, the warehouse was purchased several years ago for \$40,000, said the Mayor.

If Appalachian chooses to exercise its option, it will get the property for some \$75,000. But the town would be out of a place to store its heavy equipment and trucks.

He said Barnett is asking for a down payment and the balance over 10 years with six per cent interest. The \$90,000 building has a heated garage, loading docks in the back, a basement, concrete floors and apartments upstairs. Rental

income is some \$800 a month, said the Mayor, suggesting "we would be in better shape to buy the building than to start from scratch . . . a good investment for us to consider."

The Queen Street property would cost \$20,000 and part would be used for additional parking.

Of providing additional parking, the Mayor said the board should investigate and promptly reply to Barnett's offer and "not let the uptown area dwindle away by our inaction."

The board is continuing negotiations and has made no further announcements concerning the proposed purchase.

### Other Action

The town is adding a Dempster Loadmaster garbage truck to its sanitation department.

In entering the motion to buy, Alderman Howard Cottrell reiterated that the budget this year included enough for the purchase of the truck. The price is a little more than \$20,500.

The truck, which picks up large containers from the front and can work in more restricted areas than the present truck, will pick up a tank in an average three minutes, according to Alderman Mac McCreary. And he said it averages only three trips per day to the dump, resulting more service and comparatively less travel time.

Council approved the action of the Town Planning (Zoning) Board which has denied a request to operate a trailer court near Greenway Baptist. The request was for a tract less

## United Fund Breakfast Is Next Friday

The kickoff breakfast of the Watauga County United Fund will be held at 7:30 Friday morning at the Holiday Inn of Boone.

In its campaign, which starts next Wednesday and will last until Friday, Oct. 16, the Fund will seek \$26,500 for 13 participating agencies, and this includes a sum for the campaign or contingency fund.



## Now We've Got It

This picture, which appeared in the last issue, was the answer to a picture above it which asked if the reader could spot anything wrong with Police Chief Clyde Tester's uniform or cap? Then this picture supplied the answer—that the pen in Chief's shirt pocket actually was a .22-calibre pen-type pistol, here displayed by Officer Larry Keese. That's where we goofed. We said he was Officer Zane Tester. We apologize to these men for this mistake and appreciate the patience and understanding shown by them.—Editor.

## Dr. Miller To Be Pie Target

WHS will not only prosper by the magazine sale which has been going on, but it will get to witness as Bob Denton, president of the student body, throws a pie into the face of Dr. Miller, principal. The goal of \$11,000 was met, which will make this event possible.

The last day of the magazine sale, most people thought it impossible to bring in the over \$2,000 which was needed to meet the goal. Surprisingly enough the final total was \$11,535.60.

With the money from the magazine sale, WHS can buy many things that otherwise they couldn't afford. The support of the surrounding communities was greatly appreciated.

than the two acres required for consideration by the board.

W. R. Richardson, Dr. G. T. Buckland and Deorman Thompson—all residents of Cherrybrook Lane—appealed for an enlarged water line to serve their homes.

Richardson said when the line went in, there were only three houses where 10 now stand. And three of the 10 houses have apartments, he said. They also appealed for a fire hydrant. The board pledged to take care of both requests.

Thompson made a separate request that the city cut back growth on the "blind corner" at the Cherrybrook Lane in-

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## 3 Arrested In Ashe Co. Drug Raid

WEST JEFFERSON—State and Ashe County officers seized 14 bags of marijuana and arrested three men in a raid near here Saturday morning. It was the largest, if not the first raid, in this region, officers said.

Agents of the State Bureau of Investigation said the men arrested are Steven Randall Grubb, 21, of Todd, Rt. 1; Charles B. Phillips, 21, of Jefferson and Larry Dean Edwards, 23, of West Jefferson.

The SBI agents, George McSwain and Davis J. Beal, said that 13 bags of marijuana were found concealed in an abandoned trash dump near the home of Edwards, off U. S. 221 south of West Jefferson.

The Ashe County Sheriff's Department and State Highway Patrolman Lloyd M. Burchette had assisted in the case.

The SBI said that a surveillance had been made for some time. The arrests were made when the three men arrived at the home early yesterday.

The agents said they found what they identified as the 14th bag of marijuana on Phillips. They said they found two unidentified pills on Grubb which will be analyzed.

The men are being held in Ashe County Jail. Bonds were set at \$10,000 each, pending a preliminary hearing later.

Officers said the 13 bags were placed in a larger plastic bag and was tucked under burned debris. The 14 bags weighed eight ounces, the officers said.

## Road Funds Allotted To Two Towns

Allocations totaling more than \$11.9 million will go to North Carolina cities and towns that qualify under provisions of the Powell Bill. Lauch Faircloth, Chairman of the State Highway Commission announces.

Of this amount Blowing Rock will receive \$13,253.80 and Boone is to get \$29,997.87. Checks will be received by October 1.

This year's total is almost \$700,000 larger than last year's allocation, which was \$11,224,494.

Because the 1970 census has not yet been certified, population figures used were based on the 1960 census.