

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	Hi	Lo
Sept. 29	58	32				65	34
Sept. 30	58	41				70	38
Oct. 1	69	40				66	47
Oct. 2	69	41				72	54
Oct. 3	72	46				70	54
Oct. 4	69	35				72	43
Oct. 5	64	28				60	45

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On The Way To 21-0

Artificial POLY-TURF had been installed, cheerleaders and bandsmen wandered along the sidelines, the home crowd waited anxiously and some players from Elon worked out on the

turf. Game time came at 7:30 and from then on, Appalachian fought its way to a score of 21, holding their gridiron foes scoreless in the first game ever played on fake ground in the two Carolinas. (Photo—Armfield Coffey)

Lincolnton Man Named Chairman ASU Board

William B. Rankin of Lincolnton was elected chairman of Appalachian State University's Board of Trustees as the institution's governing body met on campus Saturday afternoon.

He succeeds John P. Frank of Mt. Airy who resigned. The Board also elected Dwight Quinn of Kannapolis to

serve as vice chairman succeeding E. G. Lackey of Winston-Salem.

Rankin, a member of Appalachian's board since 1961, was named to serve a two-year term on the N. C. Board of

Higher Education in 1967.

The Salisbury native entered Appalachian's freshman class in 1940 but left in 1943 to serve as a flight instructor in the Naval Air Corps.

He returned to Appalachian to graduate as a mathematics

Democrats Open Headquarters

The county's Democratic Headquarters officially opened Wednesday (Oct. 7).

The announcement was made by Ralph Winkler, chairman of the Democratic Executive Committee. He said the office on West Howard Street, just off South Depot in Boone, has been renovated and a heating system installed.

Winkler said former Congressman Basil Whitener candidate in the Tenth District, was in town over the weekend and visited headquarters. Also, the chairman said that 15 out of 16 members attended the last executive committee meeting.

and history major in 1946. He also served as president of his senior class, president of the Veterans Club and, in addition, played center on the Mountaineer football team for four years.

Rankin is married to the former Margaret Lineberger of Lincolnton, a 1946 elementary education graduate here. They have one son, Bob.

The new chairman is the owner of Rankin Jewelers in Lincolnton and has been a special representative of Pilot Life Insurance since 1959. Vice-chairman Quinn, an executive with Cannon Mills in Kannapolis, is a ranking member of the N. C. House of Representatives. He was recently asked by Gov. Bob Scott to serve on the Southern Regional Education Board as a representative of the state.

He has been a member of ASU's board and a member of its executive committee for three years.



DR. WEY

Wey To Be Honored At Ind.

TERRE HAUTE, IND.—Dr. Herbert W. Wey, president of Appalachian State University, Boone, N. C., will return to the campus of his alma mater, Indiana State University at Terre Haute, next month to receive the 1970 Distinguished Alumni Award.

Indiana State, which this year is celebrating its 100th anniversary, will cite five outstanding graduates during the 54th annual Homecoming Weekend Oct. 9 and 10. The award is the highest honor conferred by the ISU Alumni Association and is given in recognition of the recipient's professional achievements and contributions to his community, state and nation. Presentations will be made by ISU President Alan C. Rankin at a recognition dinner Oct. 10.

A native Terre Hautean, Dr. Wey was graduated from Indiana State in 1937 with a B. S. degree and the following year completed the M. A. degree.

Other recipients of the 1970 alumni awards are to be Charles A. Bush, educator and civic leader of Marshall, Ill.; Dr. Robert B. Forney, state toxicologist of Indiana; John J. O'Connell, vice president of Bethlehem Steel Corporation; and Edward T. Ragsdale, retired vice president of General Motors Corporation.

Must Be Free

The press must be free; it has always been so and much evil has been corrected by it. If government finds itself annoyed by it, let it examine its own conduct and it will find the cause.—Thomas Erskine.

Books Opened Saturday

Local Voters Must Register

Old Voter Lists Are Not Valid

Voter registration started in the various precincts of Watauga County last Saturday, and the books will be open at the regular voting places three more Saturdays, October 10, 17 and 24. October 31 will be challenge day. November 3 is general election day.

On other weekdays during this period those qualified may register at the home of their respective precinct registrars.

J. D. Winebarger, Chairman of the Watauga County Board of Elections reminds that those citizens who did not register for the election last fall or for the primary last spring will have to register during the October registration period or they cannot vote. The loose-leaf permanent registration system now in force invalidated old voting registration records.

Citizens are permitted to vote absentee ballots in the general election. Men and women in the armed forces can make applications at any time. Civilians' time runs out October 28th. If however, a civilian voter becomes disabled between the 28th and election day he can vote absentee upon proper application and with the certification of a physician.

All absentee ballots mailed in must be received by 2 o'clock on the day of election, Mr. Winebarger says.

Any inquiries should be directed to the County Board of Elections, Watauga courthouse, telephone 264-9259.

Voters will elect a member of the House of Representatives, Superior Court Judges, Solicitors, District Judges, members of the State Senate and State House of Representatives and County officers.

Seven proposed amendments to the State Constitution will be voted upon.

7,051 Enrolled For Fall Term

Appalachian State University has enrolled a record 7,051 students for fall term classes here according to a preliminary report released Friday by Registrar W. Dean Meredith.

A breakdown by classes shows 1495 new freshmen, 362 continuing freshmen, 1407 sophomores, 1659 juniors, 1054 seniors and 73 special students for a total undergraduate enrollment of 6050.

Meredith reported registration of 612 graduate students and 389 enrollees in extension classes.

The university counted 6,864 students in September of 1969.



Regular Old Corn

If it is, this is the corn-growingest county there is. The stalk rooted in Meat Camp soil and was tended by Allan Miller, who has raised six acres of corn this season. This specimen is 12 feet tall and is exhibited by Earl Miller (left) and Gregg Miller. (Staff photo)

Business Property Optioned By Town

The Town of Boone has taken options on the Barnett-Carroll property on East King Street in Boone and on the property known as the A. W. Smith

property at the corner of North Water and East Queen streets.

The deals were sealed Monday between the city and G. D. and Nell Smith Barnett for the East King property "for the total price of \$88,000"—payment of \$2,000 option to be part of purchase price;

And Johnny Barnett and wife, Betty Sue, for the A. W. Smith property "for the total price of \$20,000"—option of \$1,000 to be part of purchase price.

The East King Street complex is now used by Dick Church Garage, Miller's Machine Shop, has a vacant office (former Moose Hall), the Maddox Recapping Company and includes an alley purchased from Mrs. R. K. Bingham and used as a rear entrance out to Coffey Street.

In session last month, the board discussed using the Barnett building as a city garage and for storage of large equipment. The burley tobacco warehouse on Faculty Street is where the city now stores most such equipment, but the (Continued on page two)

Improvement At Dump Incredible

BY RACHEL R. COFFEY

It's a whole new ball game at city dump.

The entrance from US 421 east of Boone has been paved and where the gravel road slides between two pastures full of cattle, there is a new entrance to the dump yard.

The road runs to the right and down behind a massive heap of garbage which has been graded so that there are new unloading points.

Ed Hardy, having emptied his big garbage truck Monday, slowed down in the road to hear the question, "Is the fire out?"

"At last," he said.

Hardy's trash company is one of the users of the city-owned property. Others in addition to the owner, the Town of Boone, are Appalachian State University and patrons from throughout the county.

The dump had been smoldering and steaming for years, just as Hardy noted. But it had become a particular

concern recently because 1) the State Water and Air Resources Board is demanding compliance of all Tarheel towns and cities with its new regulation against open burning, and 2) because of complaint from nearby residences about the smoke.

An adjunct to the last is that public concern about the open burning heightened because of two recent crashes on US 421 where smoke and fog were pressed close to the ground by unusual atmospheric conditions.

The most recent of the smoke-related wrecks occurred Friday, Sept. 25, and involved six cars and a truck. Total property damage came to \$3,125.

A poem was written about this by Mrs. Kathleen Maxwell of Sparta, quote:

"A heavy veil of acrid smog/ Interfaced with mountain fog/ Lies in wait with gnashing teeth/ Where one doth scent a funeral wreath.

Upon the hill top lies the trap/ Awaiting life's pure blood to sap. As the dump fires of a town burn low/ Polluted air begins a vicious veil to blow. One is caught ere he can see/ That he hath no chance to flee. Oh hear ye, oh hear ye, to each of you I call/ Liberate the pure free air and show the robes of fall."

The week the vehicles piled up was the week the town

Building Is Sold

The Boone Drug Co. building has been sold to the owners of the business, effective as of October 1, Dr. G. K. Moose tells the Democrat.

Drs. Wayne and O. K. Richardson, Dr. James Furman, Dr. Joe Miller and Dr. John Stacey are the new owners of the structure in the central business district. Boone Drug, the oldest retail

rushed improvements, and again renewed its request that no patron set fire to the garbage out there.

The change made by Monday was nearly incredible. Only one thin whisp of smoke escaped the avalanche of waste. It was almost as if a doubter had secluded himself there, smoking his pipe, to ponder the situation.

establishment in the city, was established by Dr. Moose in 1920. He sold it in 1950, but retained ownership of the building which was erected in 1921 and rebuilt in 1951.

Dr. Moose says the new owners are planning a complete remodeling program for the building next year.

The second story of the building is being used for stock storage.