

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
Oct. 6	67	29			68	48	
Oct. 7	65	35			65	47	
Oct. 8	60	48			65	55	
Oct. 9	64	50	.51		66	34	
Oct. 10	65	54	.58		67	39	
Oct. 11	69	54	.71		72	43	
Oct. 12	68	53	.54		74	47	

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Bridging The Generation Gap

Joy overcomes Bob Denton, president of the student body of Watauga High School, as he "splats" a cream pie into the face of school principal Dr. N. A. Miller (not your average man-in-a-poncho). The student body roared its approval of this event Friday. Towel at the ready, Dr. Miller bravely

endured a fate which was sealed when he and Bob agreed to a challenge with regard to the high school's magazine sale. Students rescued Bob from Pie-In-The-Eye Day by pushing their sales over the \$11,000 goal. (Photo-Rachel Rivers Coffey)

Individual Coal Users Hit In Shortage Squeeze

BY RACHEL R. COFFEY

The county school system and the university anticipated problems in the bituminous industry early in the summer and started stockpiling tons of coal for security this winter. But there are hundreds of independent buyers who feed lump coal into metal stoves and heat homes and businesses with stoker coal. They are the ones who could suffer this winter because of:

—Shut-downs of small, feeder mines which don't meet new federal regulations;

—The prospect of strikes by railroaders and miners;

—And the continuing export of coking coal largely for steelmaking abroad—this not so much because it reduces the volume of available coal, but because it diverts rail cars from mines that aren't worked unless the cars are there.

A severe winter, such as is being forecast in the southeastern states, could impose hazardous-enough road conditions to keep local dealers from getting to the mines.

Miss Pearson To Entertain At Pageant

Miss Pauletta Pearson, third runner-up and chosen Miss Congeniality in the recent Miss North Carolina Pageant, will entertain Saturday evening, Oct. 24, at the Miss Watauga Pageant to be staged in Broome-Kirk Gymnasium at Appalachian.

Currently attending the N. C. School of Arts in Winston-Salem, Miss Pearson won acclaim for her talent, singing the theme from "Valley of the Dolls"

Visiting queens who have accepted invitations to attend are Miss Newton Conover, Miss Burlington and Miss Mayland, who represents Mitchell, Yancy and Avery counties.

'Worse Every Day'

Coal dealers like Clarence Moore at Vilas and Henry Horton in Boone are finding out about the current unavailability of coal the hard way.

Says Moore, having just returned from a 175-mile trip to a Kentucky mine, "It's getting worse every day." He got his stoker coal, but could not get lump coal. Some small dealers went home "empty" that day. Moore says the mine let

dealers know of price rises a couple of weeks in advance. Right now he is getting \$22 per ton. To load a ton onto a smaller truck for delivery, he must charge \$24.

Of his roughly 100 customers, more than 50 per cent are elderly and live in older homes, he judges.

A year ago, Moore was getting \$15.50 for a ton of coal. Now he spends a lot more time on the roads "driving a lot more miles." Just last week,

he had to turn down five orders. "I just wasn't able to get it for them," he says.

In cold weather, this dealer is accustomed to hauling 700 to 800 tons of coal back to Watauga every week. In this type weather, he brings home about "100 tons a week . . . when I can get it."

Reared in Beaver Dam community, Moore resides with his wife and three children in Vilas, home address of his Clarence Moore Coal Yard. He

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Watauga Exhibit Gets First Place At Fair

Watauga County received supreme recognition last week when judges at the Dixie Classic Fair chose its booth above all the others. The exhibit represents "close to \$1,000" in worth, according to George Flowers, Boone businessman who helped arrange it. He said Frank Steckle, Robert Banzhaf and others in the Industrial Arts Department at Appalachian built the booth and Steckle set it up at the fair a week ago Sunday. The four seasons were the theme, with a variety of color prints being used and a slide projector and screen showing a jumble of color scenes. "You might have four or five fall pictures," Flowers explained, "then all of a sudden

you're in the middle of a snow storm." Scenes from the ski areas and golf courses were used; there was an exceptional 16-by-20 picture made at Land of Oz; D. T. Brown's pretty daughter (above) modeled ski clothing loaned by Roby Triplett at the Bookstore (skis also loaned); Steckle provided the special lighting; and Roten's Furniture loaned a white carpet to depict snow. Local residents who didn't make it to the fair will get to take a look at the booth this week. It was set up Tuesday in The Northwestern Bank's office on West King Street and will be there about one week. (Photo—Frank Jones, Winston-Salem Journal)

Gay Weekend Is Seen

4,000 Alumni Will Attend Homecoming

The hoopla and the backslapping will be for fun, but the theme will strike a serious note this weekend at Appalachian State University's 67th homecoming.

Students here, who have declared their theme "A Sign of the Times", will attempt to show returning alumni that their university is embattled against society's problems, not

against its students. They have planned floats, dormitory displays and a program of "conversations with the alumni" to carry out their theme.

An estimated 4,000 alumni will attend the Oct. 16-18 event, according to ASU alumni director Bob Snead.

Reigning over the weekend crowded with happenings will be an aptly-named homecoming queen, Regina Anne Owens, a blond-tressed special education major from McGrandy.

Official activities begin with a Mountaineer Kickoff Party for alumni at 8 p. m. on Friday. Slated to begin at the same time is a three-in-one concert in Varsity Gym featuring The Four Seasons, The Originals and the Jam Factory.

Alumni will register for homecoming events Saturday from 8 a. m. to 11:30 a. m. in the Plemmons Student Center. Immediately after a 9:30 to 11:30 a. m. Open House of the University's College of Business, the ASU Alumni Association will stage its annual luncheon and install new officers in the East Wing of the campus cafeteria.

The 1:30 p. m. homecoming football contest against Catawba College will be followed by a reception in the Plemmons Center for students and alumni.

An Alumni Touchdown Dance at Seven Devils Resort will wrap up the weekend for alumni students will attend a Homecoming Dance and Concert on campus featuring O. D. Grass and the Intruders.



Regina Anne Owens will reign over Appalachian's 67th homecoming this weekend.

New Books At Library

Some recent additions to the fiction collection of the Public Library are listed below:

Waiting for Willa, by Dorothy Eden; Helga's Web, by Jon Cleary; The Dead Sea Cipher, by Elizabeth Peters; New Moon Rising, by Eugenia Price; The Last Days of Wolf Garnett, by Clifton Adams; Surgeon's Choice, by Frank Slaughter; Doctors and Wives, by Benjamin Siegel; Hallowe'en Party, by Agatha Christie; Prince of Darkness, by Barbara Michaels; Merry in haste, by Jane Aiken Hodge; Flora, by Catherine Gaspin; The Spy Who Spoke For- pose, by Philip Wylie; Love Story, by Erich Segal; The Jade Wind, by John Harris; Them, by Joyce Carol Oates; Song of Earth, by Alexander Cordell; Time of Drums, by John Ehle; The Bloody Benders, by Robert H. Adams; The Weedkiller's Daughter, by Harriette Arnow; Great Lion of God, by Taylor Caldwell; The Gang That Couldn't Shoot Straight, by Jimmy Breslin; and The Link, A Victorian Mystery, by Robin Maughan.

Music Honorary To Be Chartered

Dr. William J. Weichlein, national president of Pi Kappa Lambda, will visit the Appalachian State campus this week to charter a local unit of the society.

ASU's chapter of the national music honorary will be given its official charter Friday evening in Greer Hall. Local officers who will assume duties are Dr. Joseph Logan, president; MacWilliam Disbrow, vice-president; and Dr. Wilfred Mears, secretary-treasurer.

Dr. Nicholas Erneston and Miss Elizabeth Fox are other present members of the organization who helped petition for the ASU charter.

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'Sign for the Times'

Two coeds from the Student Government Association at Appalachian State University are proud of their university and the college town of Boone. And they have figured out a way to let plenty of people know about it.

Miss Rosie Gibson, who was instrumental in last spring's Earth Day activities here, and Miss Mary Jane Parks are issuing news stories this week through Appalachian's News Bureau Director, Lewis Gaston.

The stories are being sent to major newspapers, and students who hail from the newspapers' service communities are following up by sending letters to the editor.

The program is figured around the theme, "A Sign For the Times", of this weekend's Homecoming at the university.

Miss Gibson says they want as many people as possible to know about the bold, innovative programs emanating from their school and to know that the students recognize and are proud of these facts.

Early this week, Miss Gibson contacted WBTB-Channel 3 in Charlotte and learned they are interested in hearing some more about young people with positive ideas about the world in which they live. The station is arranging to host several students on a talk show.

Meet The Candidates Event Set By League

Citizens of Watauga County are invited by the League of Women Voters and the Jaycees to meet the candidates Tuesday, October 20 in the Boone Elementary School Auditorium at 8 p. m.

According to Mrs. Leland Cooper, local League president, the purpose of the meeting is to give all citizens of the County an opportunity to

hear and compare the candidates' views in preparation for voting in the General Election November 3.

All local candidates whose names appear on the November 3 ballot have been asked to make brief statements of their positions and platforms and to participate in a question-and-answer period. Questions from the audience will be presented to the candidates by the moderator, Mr. Rogers Whitener.

Candidates for Clerk of Court, Sheriff, County Commissioners, Board of Education and 10th

Congressional District Representative have accepted the invitation to speak and answer questions.

"Too few of us know the men running for local offices," Wade Wilmoth, Boone Jaycees president said. "And local officials make a big difference: in taxes, in the education our children get, in law enforcement in our community, in recreation, and many other areas. That's the reason for this candidates meeting—to learn who the local candidates are and what they stand for. Good government begins at home."

Kilpatrick To Speak Here

Conservative journalist James J. Kilpatrick will speak to Appalachian State University students on "The Death of Liberty" here Wednesday evening.

His appearance, sponsored by the university's Artists and Lecture Series, is free and is open to the general public. The program begins at 8 p. m. in Greer Auditorium.

Kilpatrick, author of the syndicated column "A Conservative View," is a recurring critic of public events for ABC television. He makes regular appearances as guest inquisitor on NBC's "Meet the Press" and is an associate of National Review.

Voter Registration

With the registration period for the general election at the half-way mark, a limited number of citizens are appearing to qualify, according to word from J. D. Winebarger, Chairman of the Watauga County Board of Elections.

Mr. Winebarger says the returns from only a scattered number of precincts have been received at his office.

He again calls attention to the fact that the register books will close at the end of the day Saturday, October 24th. On other days but Saturdays until the 24th, voters may register at the homes of the registrars.

It is again emphasized that those who didn't register for the election last fall or for the primary last spring must register by the 24th or they cannot vote.