

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 '49 HI Lo
Oct. 20 58 36 Tr. 74 51
Oct. 21 60 43 1.86 59 44
Oct. 22 65 42 .06 54 39
Oct. 23 64 32 56 46
Oct. 24 64 36 59 51
Oct. 25 58 45 52 30
Oct. 26 62 41 61 48

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These Are The Ballots You'll Mark Tuesday

Constitutional Amendment Ballot on Another Page

SAMPLE BALLOT

OFFICIAL BALLOT FOR DISTRICT SOLICITOR, STATE SENATOR, STATE REPRESENTATIVE, AND COUNTY OFFICERS

INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS

- 1. To vote for all candidates of one party (a straight ticket), make a cross (X) mark in the circle of the party for whose candidates you wish to vote.
2. To vote for candidates of more than one party (a split ticket), do not mark in any party circle, but make a cross (X) mark in the square opposite the name of each candidate for whom you wish to vote.
3. If you should insert a cross (X) mark in one of the party circles at the top of the ballot and also mark in the voting square opposite the name of any candidate of any party, your ballot will be counted as a straight ticket vote for all of the candidates of the party whose circle you marked.
4. If you tear or deface or wrongly mark this ballot, return it and get another.

DEMOCRATIC FOR A STRAIGHT TICKET

REPUBLICAN FOR A STRAIGHT TICKET

Ballot form with two columns: DEMOCRATIC FOR A STRAIGHT TICKET and REPUBLICAN FOR A STRAIGHT TICKET. Each column has a circle to mark and a square to mark. Candidates listed include Clyde M. Roberts, Donald W. Bingham, James E. Holsouser, Jr., O. H. Foster, Ralph Hayes, Kenneth Wilcox, Gene Wilson, and G. Perry Greene.

J. D. Winebarger
Chairman Watauga County Board of Elections

SAMPLE BALLOT OFFICIAL BALLOT FOR WATAUGA COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

INSTRUCTIONS

- 1. To vote for a candidate on the ballot make a cross (X) mark in the square at the left of his name.
2. If you tear or deface or wrongly mark this ballot, return it to the registrar and get another.

(You may vote for Five)

- HUGH B. HAGAMAN
JOE W. HARTLEY
JOHN H. WILLIAMS
JAMES P. MARSH
JOHN H. HOLLAR
S. C. EGGERS, SR.
EDSEL COOK

General Election, Nov. 3, 1970

J. D. Winebarger
Chairman Watauga County Board of Elections

OFFICIAL BALLOT FOR MEMBER OF CONGRESS

TELETH CENTRAL DISTRICT

SAMPLE BALLOT

Ballot form for Member of Congress with two columns: DEMOCRATIC and REPUBLICAN. Candidates listed include Basil L. Whitener and James T. (Jim) Broymill.

General Election November 3, 1970, State of North Carolina

J. D. Winebarger
Chairman, State Board of Elections



New Queen

She's pushing 18, laments Deborah Payne, and has no wedding ring.



Nancy Faye Stacy, Miss Watauga of 1970, says goodbye—standing at the footlights at the end of the ramp.

Deep Gap Fire Dept. Prevents Costly Blaze

A quick response from the Deep Gap Fire Department prevented a costly blaze to the residence of Sammy Critcher Tuesday, Oct. 20. The owner discovered a small but rapidly spreading blaze on the second floor of the home that afternoon and called James Watson, chief of the Deep Gap Volunteer Fire Department. Within minutes, seven of the firemen had responded. They were able to extinguish the blaze with only minor water damage.

Could Reach Serious Stage Water Shortage Faces Boone And University

Graham, Whitener To Speak

Jim Graham, the State Commissioner of Agriculture, will be the featured speaker at a Democratic rally Thursday (tonight) at the Appalachian Elementary School in Boone. Special guest at the dinner meeting, which begins at 6:30 p. m. (new Eastern Standard Time) will be Congressman Basil Whitener. The rally is being held in honor of Democrat candidates, according to W. R. Winkler, chairman of the Democrat Executive Committee in the county.

He says tickets, available for a \$5 donation, may be had from precinct organizations, the Democrat Headquarters in Boone or at the door Thursday night.

Says Winkler, "A delicious meal will be served. Hope to see you there!"

State Dept. Official To Speak At ASU

Michael Wygant, an official from the U. S. Department of State, will speak on Soviet-American relations before Appalachian State University's student body here Oct. 28.

A former staff member of the American embassy in Moscow, Wygant now serves in the department's Bureau of Intelligence and Research.

He will headline activities at the university's fall convocation which begins Wednesday at 2 p. m. in Broome-Kirk Gymnasium.

The assembly is sponsored by Appalachian's student government association which will make a series of citations to campus service clubs during the convocation.

Dr. Braxton Harris, new dean of student affairs here, also is scheduled to address the students.

The convocation will be open to members of the public.

NC National Bank Seeks Boone Office

CHARLOTTE—North Carolina National Bank has filed an application with the U. S. Comptroller of the Currency for permission to open an office in Boone.

Luther H. Hodges Jr., executive vice president of NCNB, said the location of the proposed office has not been finally determined but several sites are under consideration.

Hodges said the bank is solidly convinced of the bright future of Western North Carolina.

"We are certain that great things are happening in the Blue Ridge and we definitely want to support and be a part of the fantastic growth that is ahead," Hodges said.

He cited the bank's survey of the economic potential of Boone and Watauga County.



Waiting their turn while Edward Lowrance shears the locks from David Shrake are Delmer Triplett (center) and Michael Hardy. (Staff photo)

"Starting A New Fad"

Three young men with relatively long hair were preceded to Central Barber Shop Thursday by five other students of Watauga High School who had the same goal in mind.

They wanted a burr hair cut—a really close-to-the scalp

shearing—and they got it. Barber Edward Lowrance was peeling off the blond locks of Mr. and Mrs. Bert Shrake's son David, who explained simply, "We just thought of it."

Mrs. Walter Triplett's son Delmer added, "It's something

unusual." And Mrs. Irene Hardy's son Michael said they aim to be "A bunch of eggheads."

And, said Mike, the fact is that "everybody's got long hair. It's nothing new. "We're starting a new fad."

Deborah Payne Is New Miss Watauga

BY RACHEL R. COFFEY The judges' decision was no doubt a tough one, but make it they did, and Miss Deborah Payne, one of the performing Dorothys at Land of Oz this year, emerged as Miss Watauga of 1971.

The pageant was staged in Broome-Kirk Gym Saturday night by the Boone Jaycees and Jayettes. They preceded the big event with three nights of preliminary staging capsuling Friday with a dress rehearsal for the eight contestants.

The theme, "The Look of Love", was the backdrop for eight admirable talent entries and for the swim suit and

evening competition that combined to result petite Queen Payne, her first runner-up Luci Welborn and second runner-up Lynne Palmer.

Miss Colette Lee Carpenter was selected by her fellow contestants as Miss Congeniality.

Miss Payne was sponsored in

the competition by Johnson-Cook Ford of Boone.

A special performance by Miss Pauletta Pearson, second runner-up in the Miss North Carolina Pageant, treated the audience of some 300 to 350 to a dramatically restrained, engaging, and professional

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Candidates Give Views At Community Meeting

Five times have public candidates' meetings been held in Watauga County prior to General Election.

And this year's rendition—a format in which each candidate was allowed a three-minute talk before questions were taken from the audience—drew between 250 and 300 people to the Appalachian Elementary School in the fog and rain of Tuesday, Oct. 20.

In order to give as full coverage as possible to each candidate, the newspaper tape-recorded the evening session and has solicited statements from other local candidates unable to attend in order that they might be represented in this final edition before next Tuesday's General Election.

Because of the volume of this material, it cannot possibly be grouped, although some portions of the meeting have been combined into a lead news story. Each individual's statement, along with his picture when available, will appear under the kicker-headline "Candidate".

We commend to you each of these stories so that you can become more thoroughly familiar with the campaign positions of the Republican, the Democratic and the non-partisan candidates.

The colors were presented by members of Mrs. Mary Owens' Girl Scout Troop 195 and the moderator was Rogers V. Whitener, associate professor of English and chairman of the Artist and Lecture Series at Appalachian.

The meeting was co-sponsored by the League of Women Voters of Watauga County and the Boone Jaycees. Brief opening talks were made by Mrs. Leland Cooper and by Wade Wilmoth, who are presidents, respectively, of the sponsoring organizations.

City, ASU Make Joint Statement

A water shortage in the town of Boone could reach critical proportions unless relief comes quickly, according to an announcement released this week by the town and the university.

A joint statement issued by Mayor Gordon Winkler, the town aldermen and Ned Trivette of Appalachian State University requested that residents of the town and the campus make "every effort to conserve water until the long expected fall rains relieve the situation."

The statement explained: "Due to the two extended dry periods experienced in the Boone area during the past four months, the Town of Boone and Appalachian State University are experiencing a rather severe water shortage. The recent light rain failed to have any significant effect on either system."

The statement continued, "For the University to remain open, it is presently necessary that it draw approximately 100,000 gallons of water per day from the Town system Monday through Friday.

"On weekends when the university demand is less, it is pumping water back into the Town system.

"With this cooperative effort, however, both systems are reaching a critical level," it said.

The university's water system depends on five wells and an old system of piped spring water. The wells, according to Trivette, normally produce 800,000 gallons per day compared to 86,400 gallons per day for the spring system.

The university's supply of spring water has slowed to some 23,000 gallons per day and is the major cause of the campus shortage, Trivette indicated.

Public schools in nearby Mountain City, Tenn., have been closed by a similar water problem.

Donations Yule Program Being Asked

Bev Russing is asking business firms in Boone to mail in their donations toward the 1970 Christmas decorations program.

The address to write is Box 627, Boone, 28607, and all donations will be most welcome. Individuals interested in upholding the tradition of decorations are urged to join businessmen in supporting this project.

Mrs. Russing says business checks not received by Friday will be picked up by her.

The goal is \$2,000 and the New River Light & Power Company has agreed to put up the lights. The latest deadline in the project is Tuesday, Nov. 10. If the money is not received by then, Mrs. Russing says lights will not be put up.