

**Population**  
 Watauga County 22,660  
 10 Year Gain 29.27%  
 Boone 8,566  
 10 Year Gain 132.39%  
 1970 Preliminary Census Report

# WATAUGA DEMOCRAT

An Independent Newspaper Serving The Northwest Carolina Mountain Area

**Boone Weather**

| 1970    | Hi | Lo | Prec. | Snow '69 | Hi | Lo |
|---------|----|----|-------|----------|----|----|
| Dec. 8  | 50 | 16 |       |          | 44 | 28 |
| Dec. 9  | 51 | 22 |       |          | 37 | 24 |
| Dec. 10 | 58 | 45 |       |          | 39 | 30 |
| Dec. 11 | 58 | 33 |       |          | 41 | 34 |
| Dec. 12 | 55 | 41 |       |          | 37 | 20 |
| Dec. 13 | 45 | 30 | .07   |          | 40 | 20 |
| Dec. 14 | 39 | 22 |       |          | 45 | 30 |

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## Over 100 Students Respond To Need Of Coeds For Blood

More than one hundred Lees-McRae students responded to a call for blood donors following the tragedy that befell seven ASU students in an automobile accident Sunday night.

Lees-McRae administrators remained at Cannon Memorial Hospital until the early morning hours assisting ASU students and parents of those involved in the accident.

The wreck occurred at the Lees-McRae football field.

Sixty Lees-McRae students were ready to donate blood and all present in the hospital corridors showed orderly concern. Three had given blood when notice came that no more donors were needed.

At a time in our society when there is a lack of concern for our fellowman and when people have become calloused and lack "involvement," it was gratifying to see the response of the Lees-McRae College students, says Don Baker of the College's News Service.

## Perry Named To Post With State Group

RALEIGH—Jerry Max Perry, Controller at Appalachian State University from September, 1965 to August, 1969, is the new business manager at the North Carolina State Commission for the Blind.

Perry's appointment was

## Tom Triplett Wins Seat In Georgia House

Port Wentworth, Ga. Mayor Tom Triplett scored an 864-vote upset in the November election over veteran GOP legislator George Whaley who was seeking his third term in the Georgia House of Representatives according to a report in the Savannah Morning News.

Triplett was born in Watauga County, son of Rev. and Mrs. Carl Triplett, presently of Morristown, Tenn. A grandfather, T. H. Triplett lives in Blowing Rock.

Triplett's upset, plus a victory by Sam Allen in Chatham's 92nd House District, capped a Democratic sweep in contested legislative races in Savannah.

Triplett's win over Whaley was without question the upset of the day. Whaley, a staunch conservative, was expected to take the 93rd House District by a sizeable margin.

Triplett, however, carried eight of the 10 precincts on Chatham's west side. Whaley's two lone box victories were in the fifth and 10th precincts.

The Port Wentworth mayor also apparently benefited by support from Democratic County Commissioner P. E. "Pete" Clifton, a long-time westside booster.

Clifton, who joined with his wife in publicly supporting Triplett, had supported Whaley in previous elections but the two men apparently had parted ways.

Triplett, a C&S Bank executive, said his victory was the result of "just hard work." He added that he appreciated "the confidence the voters had placed in me."

## Early Holiday Dates For Democrat Are Set

In order better to serve its advertisers, the Watauga Democrat will publish earlier than usual Christmas week and New Year's week.

The issue published under the Christmas Eve dateline will be printed next Monday night, thereby setting back the normal deadline schedule.

As usual, wedding information should be in Friday for the issue of the following week; advertising and submitted photo and story material should be Saturday before noon, the usual closing time for that day of the week.

Monday morning will be

announced this week by Commission executive director W. E. (Sam) Early. Perry assumed his duties with the Commission effective Dec. 1. Early said Perry has had 12 years of experience in the field of business administration, working with local, state and federal programs. "We are delighted and fortunate to welcome to our staff in this key administrative position a man who has had experience in programs similar to the multi-phased finance system of the Commission for the Blind."

Perry has been State Funds Accountant at UNC-CH since October, 1969. His duties there included direction of the central accounting office;

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## Co. Board Organizes

The newly-elected Board of County Commissioners organized last week by re-electing Perry Greene Chairman.

The Board, all members of which were incumbents, re-elected James C. Lyons, Clerk to Board and Tax Supervisor and Ralph Hayes was re-elected Tax Collector.

J. Wilson Norris was re-named Veterans' Service Officer and John Trivette, Civil Defense Director.

Robert Ward continues as Electrical Inspector as does Janitor Argus Wallace. Bill Byers, the only new appointee, will serve as Janitor.

Information is that the tax revaluation forms have been mailed out to all townships except Boone, Blowing Rock and New River. Taxpayers in these townships will be notified of the new tax base during the first part of January.

## Watauga YDC Meets Tonight

The Watauga YDC will meet at 8 p. m. Thursday at the Democrat Headquarters.

The purpose of the meeting is to elect officers for the coming year and everyone is urged to attend.

reserved for late breaking news stories and brief announcements, with the deadline for classified advertising being 11 a. m.

The office will close Wednesday, Dec. 23, for Christmas vacation.

The New Year's Eve edition of the newspaper will be put out on the same schedule as for Christmas week and normal operations will resume the week of the Thursday, Jan. 7, issue.

We will appreciate everyone's co-operation with this stepped-up holiday schedule. Thank you.—Editor.

## Near Grandfather Home

# Two ASU Coeds Killed In Crash; Five Injured

## Had Aided In Orphans' Yule Party

Two Appalachian State University coeds died and five others were hospitalized Sunday night as a result of a wreck in which they were involved only two-tenths of a mile from Grandfather Home.

As members of the university's Vernician Society, they were headed back to Boone after helping host a Christmas party for children at the orphanage in Banner Elk.

Dead are Barbara Ann Wallace, a sophomore from Rockingham who was driving the car, and Cheryl Lane Davis, a junior from Winston-Salem.

Chief varsity cheerleader Karen Aderholdt, a junior from Kingsport, Tenn., was reported in critical condition Monday morning.

And listed in satisfactory condition were the other four passengers in the car: Linda Joy Poston, a junior from Shelby; Carolyn Gayle Cobb, a junior from Doraville, Ga.; June Elise Moulton, a sophomore from Georgetown, S. C.; and Jane G. Wroton, a Hamlet junior.

All are patients at the Cannon Memorial Hospital in Banner Elk.

The girls were part of a delegation from the Vernician Society, which sponsors a party at Grandfather Home in Avery County every year.

Since many of the members of the Society were key figures in the countywide Christmas-tree lighting and party planned for Monday evening on the ASU athletic field, the event was called off.

According to Bob Snead, the candy and fruits which students had bought to give out to children are to be delivered to the county elementary schools today (Thursday).

At 6 Tuesday evening, a memorial service was held for Miss Wallace and Miss Davis. It was scheduled for Broome-Kirk Gymnasium. Delegations of students were planning to attend the funerals which were set for 2:30 Wednesday afternoon in Winston-Salem and in Rockingham.

The one-car accident took place shortly after 9 Sunday night.

Gary Morgan, director of campus security at Ap-

palachian, reported Monday that the students' automobile went out of control on a curve in rural paved road 1342.

He said the car struck a tree, tumbled down an embankment and clipped several other trees before stopping. And, said Morgan, the car evidently was not traveling at a high rate of speed. An investigation by the N. C. Highway Patrol is continuing.

UPI Correspondent George Flowers added yet another morose note to the story. He said N. C. Highway Patrolman S. A. Isenhour was driving to Marion to get blood for the

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## Weather Too Warm On Slopes

With all the warm weather late this year, things were beginning to look bad for ski slopes.

But temperatures have been dropping and snow machines have been running and some plans are beginning to materialize.

The Boone Area Chamber of Commerce says none of the five slopes around this "Ski Capital of the South" was able to open on the traditional date, Dec. 15.

But Appalachian Ski Mtn. is making snow (no definite opening date set); Beech Mountain is aiming for a Christmas Eve opening; Seven Devils plans to have skiers schussing down the snow this weekend; and Hound Ears Lodge & Club expects to provide smooth sailing for members and guests by Friday.

The Chamber was unable to reach Sugar Mountain. But all that earlier openings are hinging on, explains Kays Gary of Beech Mountain, is what happens with the huge cold front hanging north of here.

All the slopes could be open this weekend, with a little co-operation from Old Man Winter.



Wade E. Brown and Alfred Adams are seen holding the Governor's Award. Others attending the ceremony are, left to right: Harold Rice, Jack Williams, John Blanton, Mrs. Alfred Adams, A. E.

McCreary, Gwyn Hayes, Les Campbell, Fred McNeal, Neil Faries and Clyde R. Greene. Others who were at the presentation were George Flowers and Jim Council.—George Flowers photo.

# Governor's Award Given Boone In Raleigh Event

Boone, along with 19 other North Carolina communities, was honored in Raleigh last Wednesday by receiving the Governor's Award in ceremonies at the State Archives and History building. Accepting the award from Governor Robert W. Scott was Alfred Adams, Northwest Bank official of Boone and leader in the industrial development of the community. He is Chairman of Blue Ridge Electric's In-

dustrial Advisory Committee. The Governor's Award program has two main objectives: to help the community become better prepared for industrial development, and to give the Commerce and Industry Division of the Department of Conservation and Development a better inventory of communities to bring to the attention of industrial firms seeking new plant locations. The awards program was limited to communities of 15,000 population or less.

In addition to Boone, seven other communities from the state's Northwestern area qualified to receive the awards. They were Sparta, West Jefferson, North Wilkesboro, Wilkesboro, Lenoir, Hudson and Granite Falls.

The preparation of the eight Northwest North Carolina Communities for this award was coordinated by Herman Anderson, Director of Area Development with Blue Ridge Electric Membership Corporation, with assistance from

## Funds Sought For Children's Home

Hunt's Department Store, The Northwestern Bank of Boone and the Watauga Democrat again will be collection points for Christmas donations to Grandfather Home in Banner Elk.

Any contributions will be most welcome and will be mailed to the home for orphans immediately upon receipt.

Jim Epting, regional representative, Division of Commerce and Industry, Salisbury Office. Much of the work involved in the preparation for this award was done by members of Blue

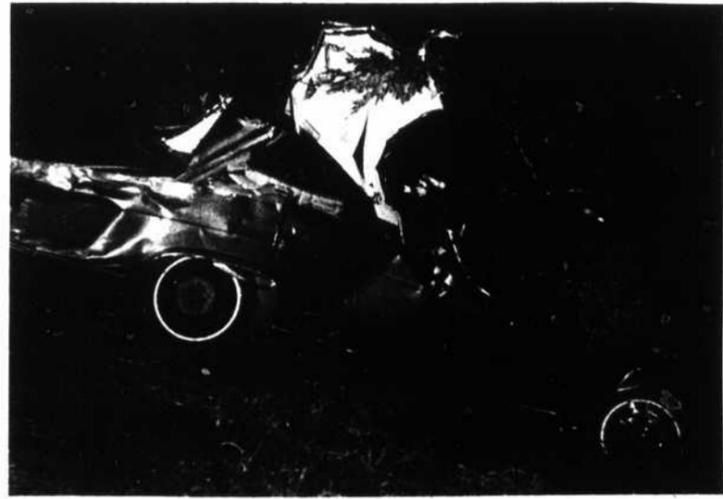
Ridge Electric's Industrial Advisory Committees, local Chambers of Commerce and individuals from local governments

To qualify for the Governor's

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Alfred Adams, Chairman of Boone Chamber of Commerce Industry Committee, left is shown receiving award from Governor Robert W. Scott.



This is the 1965 Chevrolet Impala which wrecked Sunday, killing two coeds and injuring five others from Appalachian State University. The car went out of control, dived off the right side of the road and clipped off six or eight pine trees before stopping. (Photo—Don Baker, Lees-McRae News Bureau)