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Jan. 1	43	25	33	
Jan. 2	38	8	17	
Jan. 3	37	9	22	
Jan. 4	47	20	40	51*
Jan. 5	42	29	39	tr*
Jan. 6	35	24	32	tr*
Jan. 7	37	20	31	tr*

*trace of snow.

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TWO SECTIONS—FOURTEEN PAGES

Plan For Opening Hostels On Parkway Is Opposed



MISS HOLLINGSWORTH

Musician First Class Named

Nancy Hollingsworth, daughter of the Rev. and Mrs. L. H. Hollingsworth of Boone, is the first student to pass the requirements for Musician First Class in the Appalachian High School band. The rating is the second and next to the last step toward Master Musician. When the master level is reached there is a possibility that she can obtain scholarships from various colleges and universities.

In order to reach the rank, Miss Hollingsworth satisfactorily passed an examination in theory of music, passed a playing exam on flute and conducted the band in a selection at a rehearsal. She also was required to hold a position as section leader and perform in a small ensemble.

In order to denote her honored rank, J. Perry Watson, director of bands at the school, awarded her a set of stripes to be worn on her band uniform and on all programs the rating will be listed by her name.

Bill Garvey Takes Position In Twin City

William C. Garvey, for many years assistant to the business manager of Appalachian State Teachers College, has resigned this position and goes to Winston-Salem today where he assumes his new duties as business manager of the Forsyth county school system.

Mr. Garvey has been at Appalachian since 1937, except for the period from 1941 to 1945 when he served as a navigator on a Navy patrol bomber in the Pacific theatre of war. He received his degree at Appalachian in 1946.

Mr. Garvey and Miss Nina Yelverton of Fountain, N. C., were married in 1944, following her graduation from Meredith College.

The Garveys are establishing residence at 974 Motor Road, Winston-Salem.

Commodity price gains mean hikes for consumers.

Jones Says Polio Foundation Plans All-Out Vaccination Campaign

Robert L. Jones of Charlotte, state representative of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis, told the Boone Lions Club last week that the foundation is planning an all-out campaign of vaccination in 1957.

Introduced by Mrs. Hadley M. Wilson, co-chairman of the Watauga County March of Dimes campaign, Mr. Jones addressed the Lions at their regular meeting Tuesday night, January 1.

The speaker quoted Dr. Jonas Salk, discoverer of the polio vaccine which bears his name, as stating that everyone through the age of 50 should take the Salk vaccine, and that is a "must" through age 35.

"And we have hardly begun on the high school group," said Mr.

Raleigh, Jan. 7—A National Park Service official asserted today the service's plans for developing lodging and restaurant facilities along the Blue Ridge Parkway would be done without using government funds.

Elbert Cox of Richmond, Va., a regional director of the park service, added that the proposed facilities would be operated by concessionaires and "would not be in competition with privately owned" service facilities. Their total value, he said, would be about four million dollars.

Cox explained the park service's position to the State Board of Conservation and Development. Last October the board adopted a resolution suggesting the need for a public hearing on whether the federal government should develop facilities along the parkway in competition with private industry.

After Cox spoke, representatives of the State Motel and Quality Restaurant Associations indicated they will ask for a public hearing on the matter.

Those from Western North Carolina attending the meeting were: Grover Robbins, Spencer Robbins, and Mayor R. B. Hardin of Blowing Rock; Mayor Burgess of Sparta, and Doug Kouns, of the Asheville Chamber of Commerce.

Bids Favored

Cox, who spoke off the cuff, presented the board with a statement saying it is proposed "that private enterprise be invited to bid on the construction, equipment and operation of accommodations to meet" the "basic requirements of the visitor."

He said "the accommodations proposed for operation by private enterprise within the 477-mile long Blue Ridge Parkway are these: 11 gas stations, 10 lunch counters, three coffee shops, one low rental housekeeping cabin group, three lodges.

"Some of these facilities are already in existence, and the additional facilities required are estimated to cost four million dollars. No government funds are to be used. The facilities are to be provided by private enterprise, and any individual or firm interested in constructing and operating them will be given an opportunity to bid."

One of the most vigorous opponents of the park service's plan has been Hugh Morton of Wilmington, a member of the C&D board who operates Grandfather Mountain, a tourist attraction in the parkway area.

Morton presented the board with a 22-page report which was critical of the park service's plans.

"While operating under ideal business conditions and every conceivable advantage," said Morton's report, "National Park Concessions, Inc.," has conspicuously failed to return in franchise fees to the federal treasury amounts sufficient to cover reasonable interest on the government investment in the facilities under lease. The quality of its service to the traveling public has not been outstanding.

"An apparent companion park service policy has been to censor and prevent adequate information about nearby private facilities and thereby create a demand for more government-sponsored commercial enterprises on the parkway itself while discouraging expansion of private facilities close at hand."

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ROBBERY SCENE—Sheriff E. M. Hodges surveys damage at scene of a robbery in Parkway Hardware, Inc., last week. The door to his left had the glass broken which may be seen on the floor, and the counter to his right contains empty boxes from which two pistols were removed. Paul A. Coffey, proprietor, stated Tuesday morning that no arrests had been made in the case.—Staff photo by Joe C. Minor.

'Let's Finish The Job' Tocsin March Of Dimes

"Let's Finish The Job," battle cry of the 1957 March of Dimes drive this month, was given new emphasis at Concord on January 3, it was reported by Mrs. Hadley

J. L. Qualls Rites Held Saturday

Mr. Jasper Lee Qualls, 90, retired furniture and hardware merchant, died at his home in Boone Thursday afternoon, following a paralytic stroke.

Funeral services were held Saturday at 2 o'clock at the First Baptist Church, and burial was in the community cemetery. Rev. L. H. Hollingsworth, the Baptist pastor and Rev. E. F. Troutman of Grace Lutheran Church officiated.

Came From Tennessee

Mr. Qualls came to Boone from Crossville, Tenn., in 1921 and became one of the leading business men of the community. He erected the first modern brick hotel and business building here, was a civic-minded citizen and was a charter member of the Civitan Club and the Chamber of Commerce.

He was a life-time Deacon and active in the work of the First Baptist Church.

Seeing the need for street widening and other improvements, Mr. Qualls strongly advocated a planning board for the city.

He was in the retail hardware and furniture business until his retirement in 1944.

Survivors are the widow, Mrs. Cora Hagaman Qualls; one son, Edward S. Qualls, and one sister, Mrs. Foster Bowman, Cookeville, Tenn. There are ten grandchildren and ten great grandchildren.

Wilson and Mrs. W. W. Littleton, county chairmen, on their return from a state-wide campaign coffee party at the country club there.

The coffee party, first of hundreds to be given in the state this month for the March of Dimes, was given by Mr. and Mrs. Charles A. Cannon, in recognition of the work of the organization in North Carolina. It was attended by more than 300 campaign workers across the state.

In addition, Mr. and Mrs. Cannon invited more than 200 state leaders, among them Governor Hodges, March of Dimes honorary chairman, and Mrs. Hodges.

George P. Voss, New York, director of March of Dimes chapters, was guest speaker.

Mr. Voss complimented state volunteers for their work for the March of Dimes and pointed out the need for a million dollar drive in North Carolina this month.

"The job of wiping out polio in North Carolina, and in the nation, is far from finished," Mr. Voss said. "Eighty thousand persons, many of them in your state, already stricken by the disease, must look to the March of Dimes for help to attain better and more useful lives."

Mr. Voss pointed out the urgent need for all persons, especially those under 30 years of age, to get the Salk anti-polio vaccine.

President Eisenhower has named John Hay (Jock) Whitney, millionaire-sportsman-financier, to former chairman of the Chase National Bank, as American Ambassador to Great Britain.

Howard Cottrell reported on behalf of the Armory committee that the state adjutant-general, Gen. John J. Manning, has approved a site for the proposed armory and that Watauga County is 36th in line for a new armory building. The county must provide \$32,000 of the cost, he added.

Stanley A. Harris read a report submitted by the auditing committee showing receipts (including balance at the beginning of 1956) of \$5,190.63, expenditures of \$4,325.75, and a balance on hand to start the new year of \$864.88.

Chairman W. H. Gragg reported that the industry committee, with



SNOW ARTISTS—Jimmy Johnson, left, and Harold Hayes show their skill in snowman sculpture as they make one of the many snow figures which cropped up in town last week after a three-inch snow-fall. The snow fell December 30, 31, and stayed around for the first couple days of the new year.—Staff photo by Joe C. Minor.

Weed Mart Ends Sales

The Boone burley tobacco market is holding its final auctions of the 1956-57 season on Wednesday, January 9.

With more than 2 1/2 million pounds sold before Christmas, the six selling days since the resumption of sales on January 2 are expected by the operators of the market to push the season's totals well ahead of the 1955-56 season.

The average price of \$61.58 per hundred attained before Christmas is expected to be maintained or increased when the final figures are in. The season's figures and average price will be furnished for publication next week, said Mrs. Harriet L. Sikes of the R. C. Coleman firm.

C Of C Maps Plans For 1957 Projects

Activities Reports Are Heard

By V. G. ROLLINS
 The Boone Chamber of Commerce began laying plans Tuesday for projects to be undertaken this year at its first monthly meeting of 1957, with newly-elected President Glenn R. Andrews presiding.

Plans and recommendations were submitted to the civic group by various committee chairmen who had called committee discussions prior to the general meeting.

L. E. Tuckwiler, speaking for the agriculture committee in the absence of Chairman Gales W. Scroggs, recommended that the



RURAL DEVELOPMENT WORKER—W. H. Anderson, left, new assistant county agent of Watauga county, looks over pamphlet with County Agent L. E. Tuckwiler. Mr. Anderson will begin his work February 1 under the Rural Development program, a federal-sponsored operation, cooperating with the State Extension Service and the County Commissioners, in an effort to improve rural living standards in the county. Watauga is one of three "pilot" counties in North Carolina selected for this experiment. Mr. Anderson has been assistant agent in Yancey county for one and a half years, and he and his wife and small daughter are planning to live in Boone.—Photo by Joe C. Minor.

Postmaster Asks Aid In Safety Of Postmen

Acting Postmaster Lyle B. Cook today appealed to the residents of Boone to help reduce the hazard of slips and falls for letter carriers and other postal personnel who call at their homes.

Mr. Cook emphasized that the Post Office Department is not alone in facing a problem of employee injuries from slips and falls and said he hopes also that his appeal will be of assistance to employees of delivery and service agencies—utilities, dairies, grocery stores, cleaners, and the like.

The local postmaster noted that Washington Post Office Department headquarters had recently reemphasized the problem of slip and fall hazards for the nation's mailmen. In making a new appeal to postal patrons over the country to help with this problem, Acting Postmaster General Maurice H. Stans noted that a recent random check of 281 accidents selected for analysis showed that, of the 281, a total of 209 occurred on icy walks, steps or stairways of postal patrons.

Mr. Stans noted in his statement that injuries to postal personnel, including some in this community, account for a total cost of \$5,566,928 during a recent 12-month period, according to reports from the U. S. Department of Labor. And, he indicated, a very large part of this total annual medical and injury compensation cost to the government was due to slip and fall injuries on the job.

Repairs to broken or defective steps and walks will assist greatly in preventing broken ankles, legs, wrists and the like for the neighborhood carrier and others, he added.

Two Wataugans Hit Jackpot In Prize Drawings

Two Watauga county natives hit the jackpot in drawings during the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Hunter Storie and their children were visiting Mrs. Storie's mother, Mrs. H. P. Dew, and other relatives in Lancaster, S. C., Christmas week. Mrs. Storie went to the Winn-Dixie store there and purchased a package of rolls, receiving a blank and signing her name for a drawing to be held later that week. She had the right number and came home to Boone driving a brand new Del Rio Ford ranch wagon, 1957 model.

Mrs. Leslie Norris of Big Hill Community had a visit from her brother and his wife last week. They are Warner Reid and his wife, the former Miss Loretta Houck, both natives of Todd, who are now living in Charlotte after being married in November. They bought gas at a Pureoil station in Charlotte and also signed their names to a ticket for a drawing, which was the right one. Just starting to housekeeping they were most fortunate and happy to receive the \$1,500.00 in prizes which included a Westinghouse Deluxe range, Westinghouse Laundromat, Westinghouse dishwasher, 21-inch television, clock radio, electric blanket, all Westinghouse, 4-piece set of Samsonite luggage, and for the husband a Truitemper spin fishing reel, a Langley Spinflosser, complete with lures and lines, a Kodak flash camera set, and a football, doll coach, horseman doll with complete wardrobe, a bicycle, and roller skates.

Mrs. Norris said five filling stations presented similar prizes as those above to five families in Charlotte, the ones who had lucky numbers with their names.

Poultry Man Comes Friday

C. F. Parrish, Extension Poultry Specialist, will be in Boone at 1 p. m. Friday, January 11, at the county courthouse to discuss the poultry outlook, and other poultry items of particular interest to Watauga county farmers.

L. E. Tuckwiler, county farm agent, invites those interested in poultry to attend this meeting.

Chinese Premier Chou-En-lai will visit Poland in mid-January, the Warsaw radio announced.

Annual Band Clinic Is Set For January 25-26

The Northwestern North Carolina Band Clinic will be held on the campus of Appalachian State Teachers College in Boone January 25th and 26th.

This year's clinic promises to be a very interesting session. Mr. Bernard Fitzgerald from the University of Kentucky will be the clinic band director. Formerly from the state of Texas, Mr. Fitzgerald is a well known throughout the music world for his compositions for brass, and for his contribution in the field of music, both as an educator and musician.

The clinic chairman, Mr. Spencer and Mr. Watson, expect a large number of students who will represent around 23 different schools.

The public is invited to attend the concert on Saturday night which will be the culminating experience for the more than one hundred high school bandmen.