

Jean Rivers' woman's page reviews the social scene. Besides personal mention, weddings, parties, club meetings are reported on page five.

BOONE WEATHER				
Date	High	Low	6 p.m.	Prev.
Jan. 8	41	20	23	30
Jan. 9	53	30	49	17
Jan. 10	51	24	24	0
Jan. 11	35	20	30	0
Jan. 12	52	20	40	0
Jan. 13	41	20	30	0
Jan. 14	37	21	28	0

Development Program Meeting Hears Collins

W. B. Collins, District Farm Agent, and formerly county farm agent in Watauga, attended a Rural Development Program meeting Thursday night in the courthouse, when several committees of the program gave reports on what they had done since their appointments and made recommendations for the program.

Also attending was Charlie Pugh, of the State Extension Service, who is liaison officer between the county government and the State Extension Service, who are cooperating with the federal government in the program.

Considerable interest was shown by discussions in the reports of Dave Mast, head of the Health, Education and Welfare committee; Glenn Andrews, head of the Business and Industry committee; the Rev. E. H. Lowman, who heads the committee on Religion; and the report of Howard Williams of the Crops committee.

More committees will be heard from on January 31 when another meeting has been set.

The committees told of their plans in their respective fields and asked for help in getting the development program started.

The program is one of the measures approved by the federal Agriculture Department to complement the efforts of regular extension workers in behalf of the rural people. It seeks to extend agricultural research information and new techniques aimed at more profitable uses of the individual farm's resources. At the same time, efforts are made to shape agriculture in the county to more fully benefit, and be benefited by, other segments of the economy.

Mr. Mast explained that a survey will be made in the county relating to school attendance and its bearing on the economy of the county. This survey will be used by school officials to determine if there is a need for more vocational training or any other schooling phases not now being offered.

In this connection, Dr. Michal, a member of the Health, Education and Welfare committee, said there was need for home nursing classes, so that ill persons in the homes might be adequately cared for.

Mr. Andrews presented some figures concerning industry in North Carolina, and said his committee would do all it could to get business interested in settling here. He pointed out that a labor survey several years ago showed there were 1,400 persons available to work in any industry which might want to come to Watauga.

Mr. Lowman stressed the need for religious emphasis in the life of the community. He explained that already efforts have been in the direction of having a religious emphasis week just preceding Easter in Watauga County.

In stressing the importance of religion in rural development, he said that "religion could be a stabilizing tool for all other problems." Several plans were discussed for fitting religion into the development program.

Mr. Williams pointed out that due to the fact that about 75% of the rural people in the county live on small farms that wise management is needed to make a living. His committee thought that maybe new crops and better marketing might help in the program. Increased yield on land used for present crops should be looked to, and farmers will be urged to raise more food for their home use.

The meeting was presided over by Alfred Adams, and arrangements were made by L. E. Tuckwiller, Watauga County Agent.



NORTH CAROLINA'S POLIO MOTHER OF THE YEAR.—Mrs. Faye Perkins of Concord stirs up a batch of cookies, with the help of her daughter, Daphne, and son, Neal Jr. Mrs. Perkins, wife of a long-line driver for the Johnson Trucking Line of Charlotte, was the official entry of the Cabarrus County Chapter of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis in the state-wide contest. Only a few years ago, the chestnut-haired, hazel-eyed mother was completely helpless with paralytic polio. Today she carries on all the normal functions of a mother of growing children. Eligibility for the contest included youth, attractiveness, intelligence, household and family responsibility and the candidates' receipt of help from her local March of Dimes chapter.

Dimes Dance, Coffee Day Slated

The annual March of Dimes Dance and "Coffee Day" are two events which are expected to help raise money for the March of Dimes this week, Mrs. Hadley Wilson and Mrs. W. W. Littleton, co-chairman of the 1957 funds campaign announced this week.

The dance, which will feature the Appatones, popular college band, will be held Saturday night in the Elementary School gymnasium from 9 until 12 o'clock. The entire admission, which will be

\$2.00, will be placed in the fund, because the band is donating their time.

"Coffee Day" will see local restaurants donating receipts from coffee sales to the fund. Several restaurant owners have already stated they will do this, and these include Kirk's Restaurant, Shady Oak and Creed's Cafe. This is part of a state-wide program which has proven successful in past years.

The college "disc jockey" re-

quest program last week raised \$321.72 for the fight against polio, according to figures released by the campaign chairmen.

Another program of this type, by high school students, will be staged beginning Friday during school hours and continuing through Shelia Gilley's "Teen-Time" program on Radio Station WATA at 5 p. m. Saturday. A room competition will be held in this connection, with the winners being feted to a dance.

United Fund Official Tells Of Organization Activities



WILSON HODGES, Franklin Hodges and Cecil Pressnell are seen holding 53 pounds of drum fish which is part of their catch in one day, while spending the holidays near Winter Beach, Fla.

James P. Marsh, treasurer of the Watauga County United Fund, has issued a request that pledge payments due to the Fund be mailed in to the following address:

Watauga County United Fund
c/o Northwestern Bank
Drawer 632
Boone, N. C.

Pledges are being kept up to date in a very satisfactory way, Mr. Marsh said, but continued prompt payment will save the fund the extra expense of postage and clerical help in getting out reminders. The fund hopes to keep such expenses at a minimum.

Disbursements have already been made for many worthwhile items according to allotments in the fund budget, which was raised in October in the first campaign of its kind in the history of the county. These calls, previously handled by separate campaigns or door-to-door appeals, are now organized under one direction.

Mr. Marsh cited a typical example in the case of a twelve-year-old girl recently struck down by a brain tumor. Local doctors recommended treatment at Duke hospital as absolutely essential to save the child's life. Funds to help the family, which had only very limited resources financially, were available from the United Fund at once, without appeal to individuals.

Another family of seven was found to be without food or any covering except cotton blankets. Temporary emergency provision was made for them by the United

Fund. The fund does not undertake to support such families permanently.

"People seem to appreciate our disaster and dread diseases provision," Mr. Marsh said. "We have had no unreasonable or unjustified appeals. In fact one family which had lost everything in a fire refused help from the fund, saying that they had money to take care of themselves and knew that others needed the United Fund allotment more than they did."

Other disbursements recently made include the entire budget of the Empty Stocking Fund, raised in the United Fund campaign, which provided Christmas for 320 children in the county, and the expenses of the 4-H Club for its annual trip to Chicago. The Chicago trip has brought great recognition to the county, which has won more first place prizes than any other group entering the national sheep-shearing contest. An allotment has also been disbursed from the budget for the Appalachian High School Band.

The Red Cross request for funds for Hungarian relief, one of the most sympathetic causes ever to appeal to the American people, has been taken care of by the United Fund without an extra campaign.

"The United Fund" is living up to its promises," Mr. Marsh said. "We are meeting the needs of the county and saving an enormous amount of time in fund-raising work."

Empty Stocking Fund Likes United Program

The Empty Stocking Fund of Watauga County, which has long been a project of the Worthwhile Woman's Club of Boone, has completed its first year's work under the organization of the new Watauga County United Fund.

Toys and candy were furnished to 320 children in the county whose Christmas would have been barren without the activities of the Empty Stocking Fund.

beginning locally, said in an interview, "Our work was made much easier this year when our needs were allowed for in the budget of the United Fund. In the past we have had to carry on a separate solicitation campaign, which is no longer necessary. The money is raised for us in the United Fund campaign."

Mrs. Miller also said that all purchases made for the Empty Stocking fund were made within Watauga County.

Average Of \$61.23 Is Paid For Burley

Total Sales Are Given At 2,864,302 Lbs.

The Boone Burley tobacco market, which closed its 1956-57 season last Wednesday, January 9, sold 2,864,302 pounds of burley for the season, and paid out \$1,753,717.00 to growers for an average price per hundred pounds of \$61.23, according to final official figures of the U. S. Department of Agriculture, Tobacco Division.

Although a combination of adverse weather conditions and a series of government cuts in acreage allotments over the past few years resulted in the smallest burley crop in many seasons—17,640,000 pounds in North Carolina—the Boone market registered a gain of some 25,000 pounds over the 1955-56 total.

"This is a small increase," said Mrs. Harriet L. Sikes of the R. C. Coleman firm, "but when you consider that volume was down on many other markets in North Carolina and Tennessee, we feel that we had a successful season here in Boone. Prices were the highest on record, and growers were well pleased."

Neither a decrease nor an increase in allotments is in sight for 1957. It is reported that burley farmers, perhaps for the first time, appear generally satisfied with the situation.

Joseph Higdon of the Commodity Credit Corporation, supervisor for the North Carolina burley markets, predicts a 1957-58 marketing season as good as the one just ended, though better growing conditions in the next season may produce a heavier tobacco and consequent heavier production per acre.



VISUAL MUSIC CONCERT.—The Appalachian High School majorettes are to present a selection of baton routines at the Visual Music Concert on February 9, at 8:00 p. m. in the Elementary School Auditorium. An interesting note about the performance is that it will be entirely under "black-light." The twirlers are: Sue Fletcher, Mary Mast, Mary Lawrence, Head Majorette Linda Wey, Pat Dowling, Shelia Gilley, Pat Wilcox. The concert is free and is open to the public.

Northwestern Bank Re-elects Dr. Dougherty

North Wilkesboro, Jan. 10. — Stockholders of the Northwestern Bank, which has home office here and branches in 17 other North-western North Carolina cities and towns, in annual meeting here were told this week that the bank's business increased very materially in 1956.

The past year was described by Edwin Duncan, executive vice president, as very successful in his report to the stockholders.

All directors were re-elected in the stockholders meeting over which J. K. Doughton presided. In the directors' meeting which follows officers were re-elected as follows: Dr. B. B. Dougherty of Boone, president; Edwin Duncan of Sparta, executive vice president; W. B. Greene of Kingsport, Tenn., and Wade H. Shuford of Hickory, vice presidents; J. K. Doughton of Sparta, trust officer; D. V. Deal of North Wilkesboro, secretary; E. P. Bell of Wilkesboro, auditor; C. C. Rogers Jr., of North Wilkesboro, manager of the credit department.

Directors in their meeting established a Time Payment Department of the bank and elected Edwin Duncan Jr., as manager of the new department. Mr. Duncan, a graduate of the University of

North Carolina, has for the past 10 years been affiliated with Southern Discount Corporation in Wytcheville, Marion, Martinsville and Danville, Va. In his new position he will have headquarters at the bank's home office here and will reside here.

Directors, all of whom were re-elected, are: W. B. Austin of Jefferson, Clyde M. Bailey of Burnsville, W. C. Berry of Bakersville, J. D. Brinkley of Valdese, H. C. Buchan Jr., E. F. Gardner and J. H. Pearson of North Wilkesboro, J. K. Doughton of Sparta, C. G. Fox, Wade H. Shuford and C. L. Whisnant of Hickory, G. M. Kirkpatrick of Taylorsville, John C. McFee and Dr. C. A. Peterson of Spruce Pine, W. W. Mast of Valle Crucis, M. E. Reeves of Laurel Springs, Gordon H. Winkler of Boone and Herbert M. Young of Newton.

The bank's increased business in 1956 was reflected in year-end totals as compared with December 31, 1955. Resources increased from \$51,921,783.76 to \$55,807,067.37; deposits from \$45,359,216.44 to \$49,457,025.25; total capital account from \$3,394,034.92 to \$3,768,733.30; and reserve for possible loan losses from \$930,890.61 to \$1,033,552.72.

Parrish Speaks At Poultry Gathering

Many poultry farmers from Watauga county met in the Home Agent's office on Friday, January 11, with C. F. Parrish, Extension Poultry Specialist.

County Agent L. E. Tuckwiller led a discussion of poultry production and Mr. Parrish talked on the poultry outlook and answered many questions.

Those present endorsed the following poultry program for Watauga county:

Broiler Production
Produce 6,000 or more broilers at one time.

Be sure to grow broiler type birds.

Feed high energy—low fiber feed.

Provide suitable house on good location.

Know your market and produce for that market.

Hatching Eggs
Keep 500 or more hens.

Keep the brood or cross that the hatcheries want.

Feed breeding mash.

Allow not less than 3½ square feet per bird.

Keep the flock healthy.

Grow pullets on range on restricted feed program. The feeding program is very important for the hatching egg flock.

Hatching egg flock should produce 12 dozen eggs per hen.

Market Eggs
Keep 1,000 or more hens.

Be sure that hens are bred for production.

Use good feeding program.

Try to secure 18 dozen eggs per hen per year.

Keep eggs cool and clean.

Perry Watson Named Official Of State Group



J. PERRY WATSON

J. Perry Watson, director of bands at the Appalachian public schools, was elected at the last meeting of the North Carolina Bandmasters Association to serve for two years on the first board of directors.

This honor was also extended to the following bandmasters: Robert Barns, North Carolina State College; Bernard Hirsh, Marion High School; Harry Shipman, Kinston High School; Harold Grant, Rockingham High School; and Francis Grabill, Lenoir Junior High School.

Blowing Rock C of C Elects New Officers

By W. K. KEYS

The results of the mail ballot election of directors for the Blowing Rock Chamber of Commerce have just been announced and the initial meeting of the Board of Directors was held last Tuesday evening. On the two special questions submitted to the membership the results were as follows:

Question 1—Shall we increase the number of directors to include for associate directors from summer residents only? For 53, Against 4.

Question 2—Shall we increase the membership dues for 1957 for Business Members, only, to \$25 from \$10? For 43, Against 9.

The directors elected were R. B. Hardin, H. P. Holsouser, Sr., Walter K. Keys, Rathmell E. Wilson, Larry Harris, Spencer Robbins, and W. C. Lentz. Robbins and Lentz are new members of the Board of Directors.

Associate directors who were chosen are Elie Mattar, G. Sidney Prickard, H. R. Reed, and John Kenneth Smith.

Officers elected at the opening meeting of the Board of Directors are as follows: Rathmell E. Wilson, president; Spencer Robbins, vice-president; H. P. Holsouser, Sr., treasurer; and Mrs. Helen B. Clear, executive secretary.

The annual report for 1956 pre-

sented by out-going president, Larry Harris, included these items: For publicity and advertising, \$3,944; for salaries, \$1,808; total disbursements, \$6,044; balance as of Dec. 31, 1956, \$1,650.

During the past year an additional printing of the colored brochure of 25,000 copies was ordered and paid for. There are now on hand enough of these brochures to meet the demands of the coming season.

Plans are being made for the erection of a number of directional road signs in all the areas around Blowing Rock.

Cites Speedy Ad Results

Mr. W. C. Greer recently advertised an apartment for rent. The apartment was rented, actually three prospective renters had called on Mr. Greer before he had received his own copy of the Democrat.

More and more people are turning to Democrat want ads to buy, sell, rent and exchange. They are productive and economical.

Some 5,000 acres of rolling seashore land in the Virgin Islands has been presented to the Government as a national park.

Hardie Shull Dies At Age 89

William Hardie Shull, 89, retired farmer of Sugar Grove, passed away at his home on Friday, December 21.

Funeral services were conducted at 2 p. m. Monday, December 24, at the Henson's Chapel Methodist Church by the Rev. R. C. Eggers and the Rev. Ted White. Burial was in the Shull cemetery.

He is survived by three daughters, Miss Cornelia Shull of Sugar Grove, Mrs. O. J. Harmon of Sherwood, and Mrs. W. L. Farthing of Chuckey, Tenn.; a son, J. H. Shull of Detroit, Mich.; a brother, P. R. Shull of Sugar Grove; three sisters, Mrs. Alexander Thomas of Boone, Mrs. J. B. Southerland and Mrs. C. C. Southerland, both of Creston; twelve grandchildren, and 13 great-grandchildren.

Joines Jumps From Jet Flame

Patuxent, Md., Jan. 5.—Lt. H. C. Joins, a navy pilot from Sparta, N. C., parachuted to safety in Chesapeake Bay yesterday when his Demon jet fighter caught fire during an experimental flight.

The pilot was rescued unharmed by a helicopter. The plane crashed into the bay.