

BOONE WEATHER				
Date	High	Low	5 p.m.	Prob.
Jan. 23	32	43	32	1-15
Jan. 24	31	27	27	
Jan. 25	32	20	28	15*
Jan. 26	30	20	40	08
Jan. 27	51	32	41	87
Jan. 28	50	38	48	48
Jan. 29	60	45	56	

*10 was alect.



BOONE'S AMBASSADORS TO PRESENT CONCERT.—The members of the Appalachian High School Band are to be presented in a concert which will be of interest to all. The program is designed with the family in mind and will feature "Visual Music," something a little different in concert presentation.

The concert is to be held in the Elementary Auditorium at 8:00 p. m., on February 9, and is open to the public free of charge.

The program will include: "Thunder West," march by Farrell; "The Impresario," overture by Mozart; second movement from "Symphony in C Minor," by Williams; "Dancing Reeds," by Elsie; "Londonderry Air," arranged by Cheyette-Roberts; "Minute from

the G Minor Symphony," by Mozart; "Singing the Blues," by Endsley; "Midnite Matinee," by Schafer; "Stormy Weather," arranged by Bennett; "Sunset Soliloquy," by Walters; and "Blackout Baton Ballet," arranged by Yoder.

The band has performed at all the home football games this year. It has presented two concert programs, prepared tape for two radio programs and played for several pep-rallies. Future plans include participation in the All-State Band Clinic held here at A. S. T. C., entries in the State Solo and Ensemble Contest, the Band District Contest, the State Contest and a tour of the county schools sometime during the spring.

\$15,000 Is County Goal For Promotional Project

County To Act On Request For Sum Of \$5,000

By V. G. ROLLINS

First steps were taken last week toward a brand new development and promotional setup for Watauga County.

The new plan would combine the separate publicity and promotion activities of Horn in the West, the Boone and Blowing Rock Chambers of Commerce, the Boone Merchants Association, and the towns of Boone and Blowing Rock into one central office which would be equipped to handle tourist, industrial, educational, and agricultural development for the entire county.

Funds totalling \$7,800 have been allocated so far by the various organizations to employ the services of a public relations man to head the organization, and to defray other expenses of the operation.

These allocations include \$5,000 by Horn in the West, \$1,200 by the Boone Chamber of Commerce, \$1,000 by the Town of Boone, and \$600 by the Town of Blowing Rock. The Boone Merchants Association, whose entire budget for the year has already been allocated, passed a resolution pledging full "moral support" and such financial assistance as may become available.

The board of county commissioners was given the details at a meeting Thursday with a special committee composed of representatives of the various organizations. The commissioners were asked to allocate \$5,000 of county funds for the project, and promised an answer after their next meeting, scheduled for February 4.

According to present estimates, the operation will cost around \$15,000 a year.



MAY COURT.—The May Court at Appalachian State Teachers College, has been selected by the student body. The court includes, left to right front row: Martha Christopher of Conover, Annis Byers of Forest City, Betsy Capel, queen, of Salisbury, Barbara Winkler of Boone, Glenda Vestal of Jonesville, Ellen Kate Koonce of Raeford; back row: Betty James of Mocksville, Lila Malone of Greensboro, Joyce Ollis of Ingalls, Joan Foy of Davidson, Shirley Hughes of Bakersville. Others in the court are Theda Holder of Blowing Rock, and Maxine Joyner of Kernersville.

Sentence Of William Wyatt, Confessed Slayer, Suspended

William Oscar Wyatt of Glendale Springs was ordered last week to pay the widow of Clemon Triplett \$5,000 as one of the conditions of a suspended 4 to 7 year sentence in State's Prison.

Judge Zeb V. Nettles of Asheville pronounced sentence on the 45-year-old tavern owner in Watauga Superior Court Wednesday after the State had accepted a plea of manslaughter in the pistol-slaying of Triplett last July 8.

Wyatt testified that he fired his pistol twice after Clemon's brother, Ernest, hit him in the face with a rock during an argument over Wyatt's car being in a churchyard near the Triplett home at Triplett. He said he wasn't firing at anyone but one of the bullets hit Clemon as he was approaching, and the other wounded Ernest in a leg.

Wyatt, who had been free since the shooting under a \$15,000 bond, previously was charged with second degree murder. His wife was acquitted of a charge of aiding and abetting in the shooting.

In a separate action, Wyatt was charged with assault with a deadly weapon on Elmer Triplett and sentenced to 18 months on the roads, suspended on condition that he pay Triplett \$2,000.

Other conditions of the two suspended sentences are that Wyatt remain of good behavior and not violate any criminal laws for five years, not possess any firearms, not molest the prosecuting witnesses or their families, and appear at the September terms of court for the next five years and show by competent evidence that he has observed the terms of the judgment.

In other court action, Pvt. James F. Young, 21, stationed at Fort Bragg, was given 5 to 7 years in State's Prison for the armed robbery last October of the Friendly Market Service Station on Highway 421 east of Boone.

John Wayne Vannoy was acquitted of manslaughter charges in the traffic death last summer of Phillip Shull, 17.

Warren Wilson Williams, driving drunk, \$100 and costs.

Harvey Andrew Baity, speeding, costs.

Theodore Anthony Komarowski, speeding, costs.

Arthur Marburg, speeding, costs.

Brady Cornelius Seitz, speeding, costs.

Charles Lee Kemp, no operator's license, \$25 and costs.

Ernest Keith, violation of prohibition laws, \$25 and costs.

Jesse Smith, v.p.l. and no chauffeur's licenses, \$25 and costs in each case.

Joseph Dee Collins, speeding, \$25 and costs.

Wiley Jacob Probst Earnhardt, Jr., speeding, costs.

Andrew Jackson Helms, speeding, costs.

M. L. Greene, Jr., driving drunk and carrying concealed weapons, \$125 and costs.

Roby W. Osborne, driving drunk, \$30, costs, revocation of driver's license for 5 years, and other conditions.

Maurice Poole, speeding, costs.

Clint M. Reece, speeding, \$25 and costs.

Barney Cook, selling mortgaged property, costs and pay \$25 a month to prosecuting witness for 6 months.

Leonard Rominger, Jr., driving drunk, reckless driving, speeding, and no operator's license, \$200 and costs.

James W. Stanberry, driving drunk, \$300, costs, license for 3

years, and other conditions.

James E. Lawrence, non-support and bigamy, 2 to 3 years in state prison.

Vernon Buff, driving after license expired, costs.

Jack McQueen, assault with a deadly weapon, 18 to 24 months on roads.

James Park, forgery, 1 to 3 years in state prison.

David Park, aiding and abetting forgery, costs and 3 years probation.

Charles Burrus, escaping prison, 90 days on roads added to sentence now serving.

Archie Potter, no operator's license, \$25 and costs.

Edward C. Barnes, driving drunk, \$150 and costs.

J. C. Rutherford, assault with a deadly weapon, 60 days on roads.

James Woody, a.d.w., 6 months on roads.

Carl Ford, driving drunk, \$200 and costs.

Clyde R. Ferguson, driving drunk, \$100 and costs.

Gilbert McGuire, destroying personal property, costs, 5 years probation, and pay Baxter Hardy \$200 at rate of \$10 per month.

Allie R. Church, violation of prohibition laws, suspended sentence, post \$1,000 bond for appearance at January and September terms of court for 5 years, and other conditions.

Collie M. Church, v.p.l., suspended sentence, post \$500 bond for appearance at January and September terms of court for 5 years, and other conditions.

Annie Mast, v.p.l., costs and 3 years probation.

Safety Fence Sought By PTA

Letters were mailed January 28 to all parents having children in the elementary and high schools of Boone, requesting that all contributions of the "Safety Fence Project" be mailed or delivered to each child's teacher.

The proposed fence is to be built around the elementary school playground, to protect the children from passing cars on the north end, and to prevent them from tumbling down the embankment at the south end. Cost will be \$950 and the drive for funds will continue until March 15th, it was announced.

"Let's all join in on this worthy project and insure the safety of our children while at play on the school playground," urged Major John H. Thomas, chairman of the drive.

\$30,000 Is Allowed For Local Weed Bank

Agreements signed under the Soil Bank's 1957 Acreage Reserve program for burley tobacco will be entered into a "first-come, first-served" basis, Dwight Cable, chairman of the County Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation committee, reminded farmers this week.

The allocation of funds for payments under the Burley Acreage Reserve program for Watauga county is \$30,338. Acreage reserve payments will be in the form of negotiable certificates, redeemable in cash.

Producers on farms which have

Blowing Rock's New School Modern Plant

Blowing Rock's new school building provides eight classrooms, three for the primary, five for the elementary grades, complete with rest rooms, lunchroom, kitchen, library and a teachers' lounge.

The total cost of the modern new building was \$115,633.40. The cost of construction was \$106,892.52; site improvement and landscaping \$1,240.88; furniture \$5,000; kitchen equipment, \$2,500. The state paid for the cost of construction. Site improvement, landscaping, and furniture were supplied by the county.

Others contributing were Blowing Rock PTA \$510, Blowing Rock School \$1,465, anonymous donor \$525. The cost of the construction of the building, it is pointed out, was \$7.53 per square foot.



S. C. EGGERS

More Space Is Given Library

The chairman of the Watauga County Commissioners met with the Library Board in the Watauga County Public Library Thursday and agreed to allot more space in the County Building for library use.

This would be done, Paul Coffey, chairman of the Library Board said, by removing a partition cutting off wasted space in the hall.

The Soil Conservation office will be moved into the spot now occupied by the Health Department which in turn will be moved to the new county health building about the first of February.

Coffey said Watauga's share of the \$49,000 allocated by the state for the use of public libraries in rural towns (under 10,000 population) would be between \$2,500 and \$3,000, all of which would be spent for books.

Homer Brown, librarian, said the library is inadequate for the supply of books now on hand. There would be no possible place for additional books unless new shelves were installed, he added.

Salt Lake City, Utah.—Kirby Allen, out deer hunting, escaped with a scratched neck, torn coat and damaged gun stock when a wounded cougar jumped him. Allen said he shot and wounded the big cat while looking for deer.

Eggers To Enter Upon 4th Term

Mr. S. C. Eggers, Watauga county's Representative in the House of Representatives, leaves next Monday for Raleigh to be present for the opening of the Legislative session.

Mr. Eggers will be serving his fourth term in the House, and says, so far as he knows he's the only man from Watauga to have been elected so often. He served three of the terms "in a row."

Mr. Eggers says he's having lots of callers in these final days before the start of the Assembly, and finds that the matter of teacher pay raises, and advanced salary scales for other State employees feature most prominently in his conferences with constituents. There is also considerable local interest, he says, in expansion of welfare programs, and liability insurance requirements for motorists.

However, Mr. Eggers states, he didn't make any specific promises during the campaign, and is not presently sponsoring any special legislation. However, he does say that he is available when anyone wants to talk to him, and will do his best to serve the people of Watauga to the best of his ability.

Mr. Eggers will go to Raleigh alone, but Mrs. Eggers will likely join him there after the session gets under way.

Luneford Rites Held

Mrs. Emma Guy Luneford, 66, died January 22 at her home in the Sugar Grove section.

Funeral services were conducted on the 24th at Antioch Baptist Church by Rev. Carl Wilson, Rev. Bynum Trivett and Rev. W. C. Payne. Burial was in the Ward cemetery.

She is survived by her husband, a son, Renzo Guy, of Sugar Grove; four brothers and six sisters.



A. T. ADAMS
Chairman Steering Committee

The new organization will be the Watauga County Development Association, and a steering committee headed by A. T. Adams, cashier of the Northwestern Bank of Boone, has been appointed representing the various participating organizations. Other members are R. D. Hodges, Jr., G. C. Greene, Jr., Spencer Robbins, Dr. W. H. Plemmons, Hugh Hagaman, R. E. Agle, S. B. Greene, W. H. Gragg, H. J. Cottrell, and Rathmell Wilson.

Chairman Adams has issued the following prepared statement relative to the formulation, aims, and functions of the association:

At a recent meeting of representatives of the various groups interested

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Sees Parkway Facility Plan Lasting Economic Blow

Winston-Salem, N. C. Jan. 26.—Federal plans for \$4,000,000 worth of new tourist facilities on the Blue Ridge Parkway have been attacked as leading to "an immediate and lasting blow to the economy of Northwest North Carolina."

The Northwest North Carolina Development Association, in a letter Friday to the director of the National Park Service in Washington, went on record as opposing

Boone Board Acts

The Board of directors of the Boone Chamber of Commerce voted unanimously to join with the town of Blowing Rock and hire an attorney to fight government plans to foster more housing and eating facilities on the Blue Ridge Parkway.

The resolution already had been adopted by the Blowing Rock Chamber of Commerce.

government financing or supervision of additional tourist accommodations in the area.

Private enterprise can do the job better, said the letter, signed by association president J. Herman Coe of Dobson.

Copies of the three-page letter were sent to Governor Hodges and to North Carolina congressmen, as well as to Northwest Chambers of Commerce and other interested agencies.

It refers to National Park Service plans to build additional gas stations, lunch counters, coffee shops, a housekeeping cabin group and several lodges along the 477-mile parkway.

A regional official of the Na-

tional Park Service, Elbert Cox of Richmond, Va., told the North Carolina Board of Conservation and Development in Raleigh earlier this month that "no government funds are to be used" in the expansion project and that bids will be accepted from "any individual or firm interested in constructing and operating" the new facilities.

The Northwest Association letter says that even if government money is not used, "the federal government . . . will have so used a monopoly situation as to damage the existing tourist industry of this area and to curtail the possible future development of that industry."

Mr. Coe's letter was another action in the controversy which began last fall when the National Park Service plans were announced. Since that time an argument has been in progress as to whether or not federally-guided expansion would hurt private enterprise in the area.

The Chambers of Commerce of Boone and Blowing Rock have jointly adopted a plan to hire an attorney, John W. Caffey of Greensboro and Washington, D. C., to fight the government plan.

The Northwest Development Association, representing 11 Northwest counties, took its stand in opposition to the government sponsored expansion earlier this month and directed a committee to draft the letter released yesterday.

Improvement in parkway tourist facilities financed by private citizens of the area has been extensive in the last five years, Mr. Coe's letter said.

"The tourist traffic in this area has become an important part of the regional economy. More than that, the further development of the tourist facilities industry offers one of the bright hopes for the future economic growth of the Northwest."

The association blamed the National Park Service's "refusal to provide adequate signs to direct travelers to those nearby communities where facilities are available" for any slowness in private development of the area.

G. A. Edmisten Dies On Sunday

George Abner Edmisten, 77, member of a prominent Watauga county family and a retired farmer, died suddenly at his home at Sugar Grove Sunday.

Funeral services were held Tuesday at 2 o'clock at Antioch Baptist Church. Rev. Clell Cook, Rev. W. C. Payne and Rev. Carl Wilson took part in the rites and burial was in the Adams cemetery in the Brushy Fork section.

Survivors include the widow, Mrs. Dare F. Edmisten, two sons and two daughters: Clyde Edmisten, Cleveland, Ohio; Ted Edmisten, Sugar Grove; Mrs. Dwight Cable, Sugar Grove; Mrs. Peggy Edmisten of the home. There are six brothers and three sisters: Dallas Edmisten, Zionville; Carl Edmisten, Beech Creek; Marshall and Edgar Edmisten, Sugar Grove; Ira and Dwight Edmisten, of Boone; Mrs. W. D. Farthing, Mrs. Walter Johnson, Boone; Mrs. Henry Hagaman, Sugar Grove.

FHA Supervisor Says Farmers May Get Building, Repair Loans

Eligible farm owners in Watauga county may borrow from the Farmers Home Administration to repair or remodel farm dwellings or other essential farm buildings.

Jennings B. Robinson, the agency's county supervisor, serving local farm families said today. Loans are also made to construct new dwellings or other farm buildings.

Mr. Robinson said the farm housing loans were made available under recent legislation. A total of \$50,000,000 has been provided for these loans.

Interest on the loans will be 4 percent per year on the unpaid principal. Repayments will be scheduled over periods up to 33

years. A housing loan will be secured by a mortgage on the borrower's farm.

The agency expects applicants to obtain the building plans and specifications for the improvements to be financed with the loans. To help the borrower obtain construction that meets generally accepted standards of soundness, the Farmers Home Administration will review the plans and inspect the construction as it progresses.

The local Farmers Home Administration county committee will determine whether or not an applicant is eligible for a housing loan. To be eligible, an applicant

must be the owner of a farm, be unable to obtain suitable credit for dwellings and other buildings from other lenders, and have enough income from the farm or from the farm and other sources, to meet family living and farm operating expenses and repay his debts.

Farm housing loans are made under the authority of Title V of the Housing Act of 1949 as amended.

Further information on the loans may be obtained at the county office of the Farmers Home Administration located in the courthouse.



JOIN THE MARCH OF DIMES