

Table with weather data for Boone, including high/low temperatures and rainfall for various dates in February.

Chamber Projects Program

The Boone Chamber of Commerce has outlined the following program of activities this year under the leadership of President Glenn R. Andrews, it was announced Tuesday at the February meeting:

- 1. Secure new industry that will employ men.
2. Work with Horn in the West in combining promotion efforts, promoting friendliness to tourists and visitors, and seeing that service stations, restaurants, etc. are well-informed about Boone, Horn in the West, and Watauga County.
3. Promote the development of Agriculture in Watauga County, by supporting the Junior Tobacco Show and Sale, awarding prizes for community development program sponsored by agricultural workers, stimulating interest in the Feeder Calf Sale, recognizing outstanding farmers such as the 100-bushel-per-acre corn club, encouraging retail stores to sell local produce, and encouraging local business concerns to buy Watauga grown steers at the annual Asheville Steer Sale.
4. Cooperate with the college and high school by keeping school officials informed on vocational training needs in the county, helping publicizing the summer camp program at Valle Crucis, assisting in setting up a permanent camp site for boys and girls, helping to keep qualified school bus drivers, obtaining better police protection around the elementary and high schools during the day, especially at the lunch hour, and erecting a fence around the playground.
5. Do everything possible to secure a National Guard Armory and community center building.
6. Aid in every way in the golf course project.
7. Urge the appointment of a tree commissioner to supervise the planting of trees in Boone.
8. Cooperate with the woman's clubs in beautifying the town.



LARGEST SLIDE.—Workmen are attempting to remove this slide which blocked the new Linville highway at Shulls Mills. More than 10,000 yards of dirt and rock have slid off the mountainside to the right, and it is expected to be the last of February before the road will be open.—Staff photo by Joe C. Minor.

Rains Loosen Road Banks; Deluge Ceases Saturday

Commission in this county, stated that a landslide at Shulls Mills has caused his crew a lot of extra work. The big slide which began the later part of December of last year, and which has been aggravated by the recent rains, has necessitated a detour on the new Linville road. Mr. McCracken stated that this slide is the largest he has seen in his experience with the road system in this county. More than 10,000 yards of dirt and rock have slid onto the road, and Mr. McCracken said if no more comes down the road may be opened by the end of February.

Farm, Home Meetings Are Being Planned

How much does food for a family of five cost for one year? How much for one person? How much can we raise at home? How cheap can we raise it? L. E. Tuckwiller, county agent, says these and other questions will be discussed at farm and home meetings at the following times and places: Monday, Feb. 18, 7:30 p. m.—Cove Creek High School. Tuesday, Feb. 19, 7:30 p. m.—Valle Crucis Elementary School. Friday, Feb. 22, 7:30 p. m.—Mabel Elementary School. Pictures, charts, and interesting cartoons will be used to help in the discussion on ways to save money by producing, conserving and serving the food on the farm. "This is the year to make money by saving it. It doesn't cost to grow a good garden—it saves!" according to Mr. Tuckwiller.



PALMER BLAIR

Palmer Blair Winner Of Two Photo Awards

Palmer Blair, Boone Photographer, won two awards for his work at the annual convention of the North Carolina Photographers Association, held last week in Charlotte. Mr. Blair's work placed second in the news and candid photos division, and third in the color transparencies section. The second place winner in state-wide competition was a candid wedding picture of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Wilkes of Leaksville, who were married in North Wilkesville.

Mrs. Taylor Rites Sunday

Mrs. C. D. Taylor, 82, resident of Valle Crucis, died Friday afternoon at Duke Hospital, Durham, where she had been a patient for two weeks. Funeral services were conducted Sunday afternoon at 2:30 at the Holy Cross Episcopal Church at Valle Crucis. Rev. R. Y. Winters, Jr. and Rev. I. Harding Hughes conducted the rites and burial was in the Taylor-Mast cemetery.

Late Winston Mail Stopped

The 6:10 p. m. mail to Winston-Salem was discontinued February 5th, it is announced by Acting Postmaster Lyle Cook, who states that the last mail in that direction is now 3:25 p. m. Postmaster Cook states that the late afternoon mail is needed by the patrons of the office, and that he is making an effort to secure a new dispatch, so that the service may be reinstated. He has already been in touch with postal officials in this regard, he says.

Fred Council Goes To Atlanta

Mr. Fred Council of Boone, has accepted the position of sales manager for the Heritage and Morganton Furniture Companies for the states of Georgia and Alabama, and will reside in Atlanta. Mr. Council has been assistant sales manager for Morganton Furniture Company in Morganton for two years. He visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. James H. Council the end of the week, and returned to Atlanta Tuesday.

Receipts At Post Office At New High

Postal receipts at the Boone office during 1956 broke all previous records, says Postmaster Lyle Cook, although the gain over 1955 was not large. 1956 receipts were given at \$55,962.54 as against \$54,991.90 for 1955. Mr. Cook says that Christmas postal receipts were actually down about five hundred dollars last year under 1955. He surmises that the loss is accounted for by the fact that the college students were dismissed for the holidays a week earlier than usual, and therefore did less of their holiday mailing here.

Blackburn Is Safety Speaker

Mr. William Blackburn has volunteered to serve as a member of the speaker's bureau of the Governor's Traffic Safety Council. Mr. Blackburn was in Asheville January 31, where he attended an indoctrination meeting, designed to acquaint the speakers with aims and purposes of the safety program. Mr. Blackburn is available upon invitation to speak to civic clubs, church groups, etc.

Fencing Fund Is Growing

One-third of the money needed for the fence which will be placed around the Appalachian Demonstration school playground has been collected, according to figures reported by Major John H. Thomas, treasurer of the Boone Parent-Teachers Association. A total of \$381.38 has been turned in to him, he said. The PTA is sponsoring the move to buy the fence, which will protect children when they are playing at the school. It is hoped the \$950.00 needed can be collected right away, so the project can be finished by early spring. Parents and friends of the school are urged by the PTA to contribute to the fund.

Tri-State Hereford Breeders To Hold Annual Meeting Here

The Tri-State Hereford Breeders Association will hold its annual meeting here on Saturday, February 16, marking the first time the meeting has been held outside of Bristol, said B. W. Stallings, Boone cattleman. Stockholders of the association from western North Carolina, southwestern Virginia, and eastern Tennessee will be entertained at a luncheon sponsored by the Boone Chamber of Commerce at 12 noon in the upstairs dining room of the Boone Trail Restaurant. Business to be taken up at the meeting will include election of officers for the coming year, and the discussion of final plans for the spring sale to be held March 27 in Bristol. Love B. Rouse of Bristol is president of the association. Letters have been mailed to all stockholders enclosing a reply card for each to indicate whether or not he plans to attend. All members are urgently requested to use the card to notify the Chamber of Commerce by other means, as reservations must be made in advance for the luncheon, said Mr. Stallings. Of the approximately 150 stockholders in the association, about 50 live in North Carolina, he said, adding that, "we would like to see a good turnout for this meeting, so that the association will want to hold more of its meetings here."

Over Four Million To Go For College Expansion

Huge Sum Is Proposed For Appalachian

If the Legislature follows through with the proposed State budget, Appalachian State Teachers College will receive almost four and a half million dollars for new buildings and improvements to existing campus structures, and other expenses of the Boone institution. This is about three million dollars more than the college received two years ago, it is said, but is considerably less than the sum sought by the institution. The Governor and the Advisory Budget Commission have recommended \$4,433,440. Included in the sum is \$1,750,000 that would be an allocation to be paid back over a thirty year period at three per cent interest, enabling the college to construct dormitory space as a self-liquidating project. Appalachian had sought \$5,322,697 for capital improvements. The capital improvements portion of the proposed budget is \$3,159,000, including the portion which is subject to repayment. Recommended is \$1,275,440 for salary increases and other outlays. It is recommended that the salary of the President be upped from \$10,000 to \$12,000 and that of the Business Manager from \$7,200 to \$9,000. Money is to be provided for placing a number of new employees on the payroll, including six assistant professors, four associate professors, six instructors, one assistant librarian, a part-time instructor, a part-time policeman, typist and clerk. The general appropriation which has been recommended is \$173,946 more than the college received for the past two years. (Continued on page six.)



SLIDE DAMAGE.—A landslide, caused by the recent rains, slipped into this summer home, knocking it from its foundation and causing the chimney to fall. The house also suffered extensive interior damage. The trees, which came down with the dirt and rock, are still in an upright position, and appear to have grown there. Parts of the chimney may be seen in the foreground.—Staff photo by Joe C. Minor.

Civic Leaders Asked To Oppose Parkway Proposal

The Boone Chamber of Commerce was urged at its February meeting Tuesday to send "several carloads" of representatives to a meeting of various tourist promotion organizations to be held at Waynesville next Monday. President G. R. Andrews presided at the luncheon meeting. Monday's meeting, said Spencer Robbins of Blowing Rock, who was introduced by program chairman J. V. Caudill, has been called for the purpose of discussing the official attitude of groups such as the Western North Carolina Highlanders Association, the Northwest North Carolina Development Association, and others toward Federal plans for \$4,000,000 worth of new tourist facilities on the Blue Ridge Parkway. Robbins, who said he has spent the past five weeks traveling over the Parkway area, particularly in Virginia, reported that the Roanoke Chamber of Commerce has adopted a resolution similar to the one by the Boone and Blowing Rock Chambers of Commerce protesting any new tourist facilities on the Parkway. "We must let them know that additional facilities are not needed," he said, "that we (the towns along and near the Parkway) have more than ample tourist accommodations already, and that if any more are needed, we will build them. We must somehow prevail upon them to abandon this project, and also to provide better access roads to the Parkway at various points." Robbins also reported that the Highlanders Association promised the Colgate-Palmolive Company last year that it would provide 100 expense-paid vacations to western North Carolina in connection with a nation-wide contest conducted by the company. The program was late in starting, he said, and no vacations were awarded until October, too late for this area. There will, however, be eight or ten of these contest winners (couples) taking free vacations in Watauga County this summer, Robbins said. Joe C. Farthing, of the Skyline Telephone Company, announced that rural phones on this line will be cut into about March 10. He expressed his appreciation to the Chamber of Commerce and other groups which have been interested in bringing this project to completion. W. H. Gragg, chairman of the industry committee, reported that plans for a new organization to combine the promotional and development activities of all organizations in the county are temporarily at a standstill, largely due to the fact that the board of county commissioners "turned us down cold" when they were asked to appropriate \$5,000 of county funds to help finance the project. "At the present time, we don't have enough money or pledges," he said. "We are still working on it, but not getting very far. We think it is a good program, we know we need it, and we believe it would bear fruit." A total of \$7,800 has been pledged by the Boone and Blowing Rock Chambers of Commerce, the Town of Boone, and Horn in the West toward an estimated cost of \$15,000 a year to operate the proposed new organization. In other business, President Andrews referred to the board of directors a resolution by the Merchants Association that would consolidate the two organizations and create a merchants committee to work within the framework of the Chamber of Commerce. Guests at Tuesday's meeting included G. B. Hanson, executive assistant to the president of National Park Concessions, Inc., of Mammoth Cave, Ky., a non-governmental organization which supervises Parkway facilities under contract to the Federal government; Mrs. Hanson; W. Ray Scott, director of public relations for National Park Concessions, Inc.; and L. L. Lewis of Jefferson, Parkway manager for the organization.



BIG LEMON.—B. P. Thompson of Sugar Grove, is shown with his four-year-old lemon tree, loaded with fruit. The tree is fruiting and blooming at the same time and has lemons at all seasons. Mr. Thompson brought a lemon to the Democrat office which was about 15 inches in circumference, and just as good for custards and other purposes as the Florida variety.

Clothing Fund Paid By United

Funds for the provision of necessary clothing for Watauga County school children are being handled this year for the first time in an organized way through money made available by the United Fund. The United Fund allotment of \$500 is being administered by the Watauga County School Principals' Association, of which John D. Marsh of Green Valley School is president. According to a recent report, the fund has been distributed equally among the elementary schools at Mabel, Cove Creek, Bethel, Valle Crucis, Boone, Blowing Rock, Parkway, Green Valley, and the Watauga Consolidated School, and the high schools of the county. In the past the clothing needs of children of limited family resources have been provided only by scattered appeals to business firms and individuals. The United Fund budget for this item makes the money available in a lump sum, without special appeals for each case.