

BOONE WEATHER				
Date	High	Low	6 a.m.	Prev.
July 9	80	61	71	
July 10	79	58	71	
July 11	80	43	72	
July 12	84	49	72	
July 13	83	52	70	
July 14	83	61	70	
July 15	80	61	64	

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## City Purchases Horn Property For Park Area

The purchase of the 33-acre tract, known as the "Horn" property, has been consummated between the city council and James B. Winkler, as the first step in a long-range program which will eventually see the site used for a complete recreational area and civic center. The Daniel Boone Theatre is under lease to the Southern Appalachian Historical Association.

The purchase price of the property, which is some of the most desirable in the vicinity, was given at \$105,000, which will be taken care of by a flat payment of \$3,500 per year for 30 years. Mayor Winkler states that the city can take care of these payments without additional taxes.

Negotiations for the property had been under way for more than a year. After a tentative deal was made for the property the Mayor and City Council advertised, asking that those opposed to the purchase of the property, make their objections known. There was negligible opposition to the bargain, and the council voted to make the trade. An enabling act was introduced in the last session of the General Assembly, and now the land transfer has been completed.

A part of the J. L. Winkler farm, and lately owned by his

son, James B. Winkler, the site appears to be the logical place for a recreational project. Easily accessible and with an abundance of paved parking space, it will fit admirably into the plan of the city for a park area, recreation center, museum and the like.

Commenting on the project, Mayor Gordon H. Winkler said: "Located within the city limits, near the college, the property is admirably suited for a civic center, and its purchase marks another long forward step in the progress of the community—one destined to further establish Boone as a real tourist and educational center."

**Long Range Project**  
 While the development of the park will be a long range undertaking, it is learned that the old Winkler barn will probably be overhauled and converted into a youth recreational building without undue delay.

Comment on the streets and among the members of the city council would strongly indicate that a municipal swimming pool will be the first step toward the complete development of the area. It is not improbable that this project will be undertaken next year.

There is also considerable sentiment at city hall for the sale of the present city hall property and the construction of adequate facilities on the Horn land.

The establishment of a museum will likely be considered, after the most urgent recreational needs of the community are taken care of.



**PASS DYNAMITED.**—About six tons of explosives were detonated moments before this picture was taken, to loosen dirt and rock for a cut which will become part of the new Boone-Blowing Rock highway. Smoke at left center shows where the blasting was done.—Photo by Joe C. Minor.

## Work On Boone And Blowing Rock Road Progresses; Big Blast Fired

### French Student Pays Visit To Local Farms



FRANCIOLI DEMONNER

Francioli DeMonner, International Farm Youth Exchange from France, is staying with farm families in Watauga County during July.

The first week "Frank" lived with Mr. and Mrs. Robert Shipley and children at Vilas. He attended a tractor maintenance workshop held at Beaver Creek. The remainder of the month Frank will live with Mr. and Mrs. G. D. Matheson and children at Forest Grove.

The International Farm Youth Exchange is a project for selected farm youths from the United States to live and work with farm families in other countries for four to six months, and for farm youths from cooperating countries to come to the United States to live and work on farms.

In the host country, IFYE participants live on farms, share the family work and social life of the community, and do their part in contributing to a better understanding of the customs, life and culture of their home countries.

The project is dedicated to the belief that understanding people is the foundation of world peace, through giving farm youth an opportunity to learn another way of life by living it. The project helps rural people to understand the problems and attitudes of rural people in other parts of the world.

A Federal judge ordered the State Department to restore John Stewart Service to the status in the department that he held when he was dismissed in 1951.

Work on the Boone-Blowing Rock highway improvement appears to be progressing rapidly, and several travelers on the route Thursday witnessed the dynamiting of part of the mountain, where eventually a 123-foot cut will be made.

Traffic was stopped shortly before six tons of explosives were set off at 1:45 p. m. According to W. B. Hollen, superintendent for W. E. Graham & Son, contractors, about 150 charges, placed 50 feet deep were set off in a simultaneous blast, loosening dirt and rock so that bulldozers may push the soil out of the cut. It took two days to place the charges, Hollen said.

After the debris loosened by this blast is removed, Mr. Hollen said another dynamiting will be made to get down to the 123 feet needed to make way for straightening the

highway. He was unable to say when this would take place, but, barring slides or other complications, he seemed to think it not take long to get ready for the second blast.

Actually, the blast did not make too big a showing to the onlookers. The mountain shook a little, then the top of the pass appeared to roll a little, with some of the rock and dirt "rainbowing" in the air. After the dust settled, an inspection of the work showed that debris covered the old paved strip of the highway, and some rolled to the edge of the detour road, but none was found on the road.

Traffic was resumed immediately after the smoke and dust cleared and workers and curious sightseers was climbing over the loose dirt to see what the blasting had done.

## Stockholders Of Farm Loan Group To Gather

The annual stockholders' meeting of the Boone National Farm Loan Association will be held at the courthouse in Boone Saturday morning, July 20, at 10:30 o'clock.

S. C. Eggers of Boone, president of the association, will preside at the meeting and make the welcoming address.

John H. Hollar, secretary-treasurer, will read the minutes of the last meeting and present the annual report, following which will be the election of the board of directors.

The principal speaker will be Mr. Thomas A. Maxwell, Jr., of Washington, D. C., Deputy Governor of the Farm Credit Administration and Director of Land Bank Service. Mr. Maxwell is known as a very able speaker, and is well versed in the operations of the Land Bank system. The membership is promised an informative and entertaining message.

He will be introduced by Rufus A. Clarke, president of the Federal Land Bank of Columbia, S. C.

### Johnny Earp Funeral Held

Johnny Earp, Jr., former resident of Boone, died in a Johnson City Hospital last Friday, following an operation. He had been in failing health for more than two years. He was 59-years-old.

Funeral services were held at the Ruple Memorial Presbyterian Church in Blowing Rock Sunday at 2 o'clock. Dr. W. K. Keys conducted the services and burial was in the city cemetery.

A son of the late John Earp, Sr. and Mrs. Earp, Johnny was born and reared in Boone. He had resided in Johnson City for more than twenty-five years, where he was employed by the Kincaid Flower Shop.

The only survivor in the immediate family is a sister, Mrs. C. R. Walser of Blowing Rock. There are a number of nieces and nephews.

### County Library Closed This Week

The Watauga County Library will be closed all week, July 15-27, it is announced by Homer Brown, district librarian.

The Library will reopen on July 30th.

## Boone's New Plant Starts Production

### 23 Workers To Report When Work Starts

By V. G. ROLLINS  
 Watauga's newest manufacturing plant will begin operations in its new building Thursday.

Shadowline, Inc., makers of high quality ladies' lingerie, with home offices and plant at Morganton, have moved equipment into the new building from a pilot training school conducted in the Goodnight building on Howard Street for the past three months while the building was being erected.

The site of the plant is just outside of Boone off the Blowing Rock road, U. S. 221-321. It is a one-story structure of brick construction, containing 12,000 square feet of floor space, with 8,000 square feet in the sewing room and the remaining 4,000 to be used for offices, stockroom, and shipping department. Landscaping, preparation of a spacious parking area, and some inside work is still to be completed.

The plant was secured for Watauga County through the efforts of Watauga Industries, Inc., a recently-formed local corporation organized for the purpose of obtaining new industry for the county. G. R. Andrews is president of Watauga Industries, Inc.

The land was purchased and the building erected for Shadowline with funds raised by the local corporation through purchases of stock by Watauga County residents and other interested persons.

Hal Johnson, plant manager, said the plant will begin operations in the new building with 23 Watauga County women who have been trained at the pilot training school. It is expected that an average of one a day will be hired within the next several months until about 80 have been employed, he said, at which time about 600 dozen garments per week will be produced at the Boone plant. An office force of four women is contemplated at present.

When the plant is in full production, employment is expected to reach 600 persons, Johnson said, adding that the walls on two sides of the building are so constructed that they can be easily moved back for expansion when production warrants.

First work scheduled to be performed is the manufacture of cotton gowns to be sold in Sears-Roebuck stores, with production expected to begin on tricort (a knit fabric) garments, such as panties, bearing the Shadowline label, within the next several months.

The home plant at Morganton is approximately four times the size of the present Boone installation, Johnson said, and another plant at San Luis Obispo, Calif., between Los Angeles and San Francisco, is half again at large, or 18,000 square feet.

Shadowline lingerie is sold in better stores throughout the nation, Johnson added.

The Airlines are pushing freight to bolster sagging profits.



**ADVENTURESOME PICNIC.**—This huge boulder known as Split Rock hangs delicately balanced above picknickers beside the road leading to the top of Grandfather Mountain. Geologists say that the split in the rock occurred about 10,000 years ago and that it will probably be another 10,000 years before erosion weakens the supporting earth beneath the left side of the rock causing it to fall. In the meantime hundreds of picnics will be held beneath its protective covering.—Photo by Hugh Morton.

## Winners In Recent Flower Show Given

Sweepstakes winners of the 1957 Flower Show are listed according to the divisions in which they won the most ribbon awards. In the Junior Division Sara Williams and Beth Dixon tied for the highest honor; Howard Williams won in the First-Second-Third Grade Group; Toi Cook, the Fourth-Fifth-Sixth Grade Group; Marjorie Reynolds, the Seventh-High School Group. In the Men's Division, Dr. John G. Barden won the most honors; Mrs. Mae Miller in the Women's Horticulture Division; Mrs. Lee Reynolds, in the Women's Artistic Division.

Awards of Merit in Horticulture went to Mr. Ed Ray for his beautiful specimens of gladiola and Mrs. B. W. Stallings for her lovely Golden Chalice Lily. Mrs. Stallings was also awarded the new traveling trophy, a beautiful silver pitcher.

Judges for the Show were Mrs. C. H. Broward, Mrs. Allan B. Little, Mrs. J. S. Phillips, and Mrs. Dayton Starnes, all of Charlotte; Mrs. J. V. Steward, Mrs. E. F. Yoder, both of Newton; Mrs. E. L. Kiser, Mrs. Clifford Huffman, and Mrs. P. W. Deaton, of Hickory; and Mrs. W. B. Garrison of Gastonia and Blowing Rock.

The Judges were entertained at luncheon Thursday by Mrs. Frank Payne, Mrs. Paul Coffey, and Mrs. Grady Farthing at the Payne home.

The many hundreds of visitors were welcomed by a beautiful Door Piece which was designed

and prepared by Mrs. Ralph Buchanan. It displayed an original painting of a beautiful garden into which a lovely lady-doll was walking. Mrs. Ann Hardin assisted by dressing the doll for this display.

Mrs. Ed Hall, Chairman, and her Co-Chairman, Mrs. Lee Reynolds—along with their many committees—are to be congratulated on the success of this Show with its many, many lovely floral designs and fine horticultural specimens which were exhibited by the many flower lovers and growers of the Boone community.

### Lad Injured In Bike Accident

Jerry Houck, 13-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Hoyle Hayes, of Boone, was injured Thursday afternoon at the corner of S. Water street and Howard street, when the bicycle he was riding hit a hole in the street, throwing him from it.

Jerry was taken to the hospital when it appeared he was seriously hurt, but upon treatment for facial and head injuries, he was released and carried home to recuperate. Mr. Hayes said Tuesday the boy was recovering rapidly from his wounds.

### Winebarger

#### Disabled In Crash

R. C. Winebarger, rural mail carrier for Boone, Route 2, was painfully injured Thursday afternoon about 1:20 o'clock, when his mail car was in a collision with a school bus driven by Johnny Turner of the Sands community.

According to a report of the accident, Winebarger's car was coming in the direction of Boone in the Sands-Big Hill section, and the bus was going toward Todd, when they met in a curve. The Winebarger car was considered a total loss, with the school bus being damaged on the left side to some extent.

Winebarger suffered a fractured knee cap which necessitated an operation which is expected to keep him at home three months. Three school girls who were passengers in the bus, and Turner, were not hurt, according to the report.

No charges had been preferred against either driver Tuesday by the highway patrolman investigating.

Cool damp weather often brings on plant diseases.

## Statesville Bank, Northwestern Merged

Approval by stockholders of a merger of the Peoples Loan and Savings Bank of Statesville with the Northwestern Bank of North Wilkesboro was announced jointly by Edwin M. Duncan, executive vice president of the Northwestern Bank and R. M. Lazenby, president of the Statesville banking institution.

The merger agreement was ap-

proved by stockholders of the two banks who met separately in Statesville and North Wilkesboro Wednesday.

The merger agreement, calls for the exchange by stockholders in the Peoples Loan and Savings Bank of their stock for Northwestern Bank stock.

The merger, approved by the stockholders of the two institutions, is subject to approval of the State Banking Commission and the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation.

Officials of both banks gave assurance that the merger will enable the new Northwestern Bank in Statesville to provide greater banking facilities and services, and would benefit both the stockholders and the areas which are served.

"We feel that the industry and farming of Iredell County will give the Northwestern Bank a (Continued on page two)

### Boone Man Is Hurt At Ashland

Mr. Bill Jackson, resident of Route 2, Boone, suffered a broken leg, crushed ankle, fractured ribs and minor injuries two weeks ago in an accident at Ashland, Ky.

A bulldozer which Mr. Jackson was operating, overturned, and he received the injuries as he jumped from the machine.

He was brought home Sunday after having been hospitalized in Ashland since the accident.

## Players Marry Again For Members Horn Cast

Miss Joan Melton, 1956 "Miss North Carolina," and Bob Grubbs made it possible for fellow members of Horn in the West cast to see them married.

The couple, members of this summer's Horn cast, were married at the First Baptist Church in Albemarle Monday morning and took the vows again Tuesday evening during intermission of the play. Charles Elledge, who characterizes a frontier Baptist preacher in the show, tied the knot in Boone.

Elledge used the short, simple ceremony which he understands

was used for weddings in the 1770s.

Grubbs, a resident of Winston-Salem, has the role of Jack Stuart in the play and Miss Melton plays the part of a frontier woman. He is a son of Mr. and Mrs. O. I. Grubbs. Mrs. Grubbs is a daughter of Dr. and Mrs. J. S. Melton of Albemarle.

Appropriate wedding music was used Tuesday night, provided by the play's organist, Kenneth Moyers. A number of gifts from members of the Horn cast and from Boone merchants were given Mr. and Mrs. Grubbs.

### Rites Held For David Moody

David Bradie Moody, 64, died at his home in Carrboro, N. C., on July 11, after several years of declining health. Mr. Moody was a service station operator in Carrboro. He formerly lived in the Cove Creek section of Watauga County.

Funeral services were held Saturday, July 13, at 11:00 a. m. at the Henson's Chapel Methodist Church. The Rev. Ernest Blankenship conducted the services. He was assisted by Miss Geraldine Surratt and Mr. Ralph Surratt.

Burial followed in the church cemetery.

Survivors included his wife, Mrs. Flora Warren Moody; two sons, Harold of Lakehurst, N. Y., and Albert of Charlotte; two sisters, Mrs. Roy Adams of Sherwood and Mrs. Claude Davis of Vilas; and two grandchildren, Harold Dean Moody and Joyce Moody.

Out-of-town friends and relatives attending the funeral were Mr. Vilas Moody and son, Grey of Chapel Hill, Mrs. Betty Ballard and Mrs. Helen Melvin of Chapel Hill, Mrs. Lottie Cardwell and Robie Warren of Wilkesboro, Miss Lois Lane of Wilkesboro, Mr. and Mrs. George Wombles of Chapel Hill, Mr. and Mrs. Taft Wilcox of Mountain City, Tenn., and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Benfield and daughter of Newton, N. C.

### Perry Is Macon Farm Agent

Franklin, July 12—Kenneth Perry, a native of Boone and a 1956 graduate from North Carolina State College has accepted a position as assistant county agent here, succeeding Roy W. Isley, who recently resigned to take a job in Roanoke, Va.

Perry served as assistant county agent in Ashe County one year prior to coming to Macon County.