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Aug. 6	74	40	67	
Aug. 7	78	39	71	
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Aug. 10	80	53	70	
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New City Well Supplies 200,000 Gallons Per Day



TESTING.—Mayor Winkler satisfies his thirst by drinking from the new well at the old Mountain Burley Warehouse, while the well is being tested to determine what size pump will be needed to get the water in Boone's water system. Looking on is A. C. Shoemaker, water department superintendent, left, and Horace Huffman, who was helping run the test.—Staff photo by Joe C. Minor.

A 24-hour test was made last week for the Town of Boone on a well which will become part of the town's water system, it was revealed by Mayor Gordon H. Winkler. Results of the test showed the well capable of supplying 140 gallons of water a minute, or 201,600 gallons a day.

The well was drilled in 1955 when it became apparent that Boone, in the future, might need more water than its present system could furnish. Wayne Gragg, well digging contractor in Boone, sunk the well, going 360 feet deep. The testing last week, for the purpose of determining the size of pump needed to raise the water, was done by H. C. Huffman, well drilling contractor of Hickory, and

Anyone having a picture of the old public well, which stood near the courthouse in Boone, is requested to bring it to the Democrat office. Care will be taken to insure its safe return to the owner.

Horace Huffman and I. G. Alexander spent the 24 hours and more here needed to complete the test. Mayor Winkler said that getting the well ready for use is part of the over-all plan the town is making to keep Boone well supplied with water in years to come.

Money needed to cover the cost of the expansion is coming from the recently voted \$40,000 water expansion plan. Although Boone has one of the lowest water rates to consumers, the mayor stated that repayment of the bond issue necessary to make, repayment of the bonds will be made from water receipts, with no increase in rates in sight.

Although it is not expected to be used all the time, the well, located on town property, at the old Mountain Burley warehouse, is capable of supplying two-thirds of Boone's present water needs, according to figures kept by Town Clerk Ed Clay. Water records show that users on the Boone system are using water at the rate of approximately nine million gallons a month, or 300,000 gallons per day. At 140 gallons per minute the well would supply 6,048,000 gallons a month.

The test showed a strong "head" of water, according to the testing outfit. The pump used for testing was lowered approximately 190 feet and was covered with 35 feet of water all during the testing period. Water flowing from the well appeared to be crystal clear, and those sampling the water declared it to be as good as they had ever "tasted."

Another well, owned by the Town of Boone, at the IRC plant, will be tested soon. No estimate was given as to how much water it would furnish, but with these wells, and the present sources of supply, Boone should have a sufficient water supply for some years to come.

Health Group Meets Friday

There will be a meeting of the Mental Health group at the Gateway Restaurant Friday evening at 8:00 p. m. This will be for the purpose of organizing. Dr. Mary Michal is president of the group.

Clinic Set For Friday

The Crippled Children's Clinic will be held at the Health Department on Friday, August 16, beginning at 8:00 a. m. Dr. J. S. Gaul Jr. will be the attending physician.

Mrs. E. C. Moody Dies In Idaho

Mrs. Nancy J. Tugman Moody, native Watauga, died at her home in Moscow, Idaho July 27 at the age of 85.

Born April 29, 1872 at Boone, N. C., she was married July 30, 1889 to E. C. Moody. They lived near Boone until 1902, when they moved to La Cross, Wash., where they lived until 1934, going to Moscow, Idaho. Mrs. Moody was a member of the Methodist Church, of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union and United Daughters of the Confederacy.

Surviving are five daughters: Mrs. Nora Elliott, Kennewick, Wash.; Mrs. Maud Luce, Moscow, Idaho; Mrs. Minnie Darnell, Portland, Oregon; Mrs. Edna Manley, Grandview, Wash.; Mrs. Clara Nottingham, Spokane, Wash.; two sons, Clyde Moody, Portland, Ore.; Dwight Moody, Wenatchee, Wash. Also surviving is one sister: Mrs. Minnie Robbins, Blowing Rock; and one brother, Len Tugman, Detroit, Mich. There are 27 grandchildren, 45 great grandchildren and five great-great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held July 30 at Short's Chapel in Moscow, Idaho. Rev. Mr. Tilton and Rev. Mr. Fike officiated. Burial was in the Moscow cemetery.

Federal jobs for women show a sharp gain.

Baptists Planning Autumn Revivals

A week of revival services is being planned in a number of Watauga County Baptist churches for September 1-8, according to an announcement by the Rev. Hoyt Robinson, missionary of the Three Forks Baptist Association.

Included among the churches that have already announced revivals for the week are the First Baptist Church of Boone and the Mission sponsored by the church on Greenway Road. Boone's First Church is expecting the fulfillment of a long-delayed hope, announced the pastor, the Rev. L. H. Hollingsworth. Preacher for the revival services there will be Dr. Phil Elliott, president of Gardner-Webb College at Boiling Springs.

Mr. Hollingsworth said Dr. Elliott had been scheduled to preach in revival services two years ago at the local church, but illness forced a cancellation. Since that time, continuing efforts have been made to secure his services. Mr. Hollingsworth reports that interest is high as members of his church look forward to the mini-

R. A. Davis Is Found Dead

Raleigh Adams Davis, 49, was found dead in his room here Saturday afternoon.

Coroner Richard E. Kelly stated that the exact cause of death had not been determined, but that no foul play was suspected. He estimated Davis had been dead an hour and a half when his body was found.

Mr. Davis had been employed by the Town of Boone, but had been unemployed for the past week. Surviving are the father, John Grant Davis of Cranberry, Avery county; two sons, Raleigh Davis, Jr. and Johnnie Davis and two daughters, Jean and Judy Ann Davis, all of Avery county. There are three sisters, Mrs. Edgar Pitts of Statesville, Mrs. Hollis Nifong of Boone and Mrs. Vernon Odum of Cranberry. A brother, Worth Davis, lives at Blowing Rock. Funeral services were held Monday at 2 o'clock at the Boone's Fork Baptist Church, with burial in the church cemetery. Rev. R. C. Eggers conducted the services.

Mrs. Carlson Is Elected To State Club Post



MRS. HOWARD CARLSON

Mrs. Howard Carlson was elected co-ordinating treasurer of the North Carolina Federation of Home Demonstration Clubs at the annual meeting in Raleigh on Thursday, August 8. The day completed the annual Farm-Home Week session. The newly-elected officers were honored at a luncheon following the meeting.

Mrs. Carlson is a member of the Hodges Gap Home Demonstration Club where she has served as president for the past two years; is reporter of the County Council; has served as an instructor in weaving at the Western District Handicraft Workshop for Home Demonstration Clubs; was last year's chairman of the Home Demonstration solicitors for the United Fund Drive; has been a club member for twenty years, holding several offices and chairmanships; has attended North Carolina State Fair four years and demonstrated weaving in the "Village of Yesteryear"; has taught weaving to girls at Camp Yonahlossee five years; and is serving as committee chairman of the Rural Development program in Watauga county.

Harry Aldridge Funeral Held

Harry Aldridge died in Tacoma, Wash., August 6 at the home of his nephew, Jerry Aldridge.

Mr. Aldridge was 74 years of age. He had been in declining health for several years and had been seriously ill for two weeks. He was buried in Tacoma Memorial Cemetery beside two brothers, Wade, who died there in 1927, and Blaine who died in 1947.

Mr. Aldridge is survived by his wife, Florence and two daughters, Mrs. Gene McCullen and Mrs. Eric Ketilla of California. Also surviving are two brothers, Linville of Banner Elk and John of Boone. Three sisters, Mrs. Jud Wagoner of Banner Elk, Mrs. J. R. Gragg and Mrs. D. P. Wyke of Boone.

Bigger Burley Crop Is Noted

North Carolina's burley tobacco crop for this year was estimated at 18,240,000 pounds by the U. S. Department of Agriculture in Washington this week. This would be an increase of 850,000 pounds over last year's production.

The overall burley forecast was for 487,000,000 pounds, four per cent below last year's crop and second only to the 1955 crop as the smallest in a decade.

The estimate for flue-cured tobacco was for 918,000,000 pounds, 35 per cent below the 1956 harvest, according to the Associated Press.

Financial Picture For Horn Appears Brighter This Year

The financial picture for "Horn in the West" was bright as the outdoor drama entered the last half of its sixth season this week.

Public relations director Leo Derrick announced recently that attendance was up 10 per cent and receipts up 15 per cent over a corresponding period in last summer's business operation.

Derrick, in a report to the members of the Southern Appalachian Historical Association, the organi-

zation which sponsors the play, said, "With good weather, we should continue to widen the margin of increase."

He explained that weather is an all-important factor and that the month of August is normally a banner period if rain doesn't hamper the play's attendance. August, he added, is not usually a rainy month in western North Carolina.

The report stated that wide

publicity had been accorded the drama this summer and clippings of pictures and feature stories had been received at the public relations office from all sections of the country. Television and radio stations, too, have been generous with time, the report declared. A spokesman for the board of directors of the association said this week, "a rejuvenated program of publicity and overall promotions to \$4,800."

Land Optioned, Money Is Sought For Golf Course

\$180,000 Plan Is Proposed By Country Club

Plans begun in 1953 to secure a golf course for Boone moved a step nearer completion Monday night when \$12,000 was pledged at a meeting of the Boone Country Club attended by about thirty persons.

The club was chartered in 1953 and rechartered in 1955 with Dr. L. H. Owsley as president; Dr. C. Ray Lawrence, vice president; Mrs. L. H. Owsley, secretary; and Jerry Coe, treasurer.

It was announced Monday night that options have been secured on 257 acres of land adjoining Deerfield Road between Boone and Blowing Rock, of which 130 to 140 acres will be needed for the golf course, with the balance to be developed for home sites.

The land will cost about \$100,000 and the construction of the golf course another \$80,000, said Wade E. Brown, chairman of the bylaws committee.

However, the most pressing consideration at this time is to acquire the property, said Brown, due to the fact that all options will expire before the end of 1957.

To this end it was agreed to form a land development company and sell \$100,000 worth of stock to Watauga County investors.

The tracts of land surrounding the proposed site of the golf course are ideal for home development, it was reported, and sizable investments have been offered from outside sources. However, it was decided that it will be more advisable to make it a community project if it is possible to raise the money within the county.

In this connection, it was stressed that regular summer residents, as well as permanent residents, are invited to invest in the land development project.

A committee of fifteen was furnished lists and appointed to contact 100 persons in the county in the next ten days, seeking investments of \$1,000 each in the project. Lesser investments will be considered later, it was announced.

The committee members were instructed to report on their progress at a meeting to be held Monday night, August 19.

Parkway Travel Still Mounting

Asheville.—According to figures just released from Sam P. Weems, superintendent of the Blue Ridge Parkway, travel on this scenic highway is up this year 1.5% over last year.

In July, 1957, 808,425 visitors traveled the highway. This is an increase of 29.3% over June, 1957, when 625,463 people drove over the Parkway.

United Fund Meeting Set

The Budget and Admissions Committee of Watauga County United Fund met on Friday for a planning session. The group discussed plans for this year's program.

The next meeting has been scheduled for Friday, August 30.

Baby Clinic To Be Held

The Well Baby Clinic will be held at the Health Department Wednesday, August 21, beginning at 1:00 p. m. The purpose of this clinic is to keep children—ages 6 weeks to 6 years—under medical supervision. Dr. H. M. Wilson is the attending physician.

Representative Kean (R. N. J.) has proposed to increase and extend social-security benefits and raise the present \$4,200 maximum wage base for making contributions to \$4,800.



GAIETY REIGNS AS SCOTS ASSEMBLE

LINVILLE, Aug. 11.—Gov. Luther Hodges will speak at the 2nd annual Grandfather Mountain Highlands Games and Gathering of Scottish Clans to be held on MacRae Meadows at Grandfather Mountain Sunday, Aug. 18.

Competition in Highland games, bagpiping and dancing will feature the program. Old Scottish psalms will be sung by the choir of Appalachian State Teachers College. Charlie "Choo Choo" Justice, former football All-America at the University of North Carolina, will be chairman of the athletic events. Donald MacDonald of Charlotte is president of the games. There is no admission charge and the public is invited to attend.

Combination Horn, Chamber Publicity Post Is Proposed

Gov. Hodges, Other Notables To See Horn

Governor Luther Hodges will head a party of notables who will attend Friday night's performance of "Horn in the West," it was announced Tuesday by Leo Derrick.



THE GOVERNOR

His Clans on Sunday and the State's Chief Executive will participate in the festivities.

Mr. and Mrs. Morton will join the official party for the "Horn in the West" showing Friday. Morton, who headed the Governor's successful gubernatorial campaign in 1956, is chairman of the State Advertising Commission and a board member of the Department of Conservation and Development.

The Governor will mix business and pleasure on his trip. Between golfing and fishing excursions, he will inspect some of the industrial plants in the section and on Sunday morning he will deliver the message at the regular worship service at the Rumble Memorial Presbyterian Church in Blowing Rock.

Derrick said the special guests will be introduced at intermission of the play and the Governor will make a few brief remarks at that time.

The salary of the person named to this position would be paid jointly by the two organizations. No personalities were involved in the discussion, but Stanley A. Harris recently resigned as manager of the Chamber of Commerce, effective as soon after September 1 as other arrangements can be made. Leo Derrick is publicity director of Horn in the West.

A committee was appointed to meet with officials of the drama to work out details and decide on a nominee for the post, provided the Southern Appalachian Historical Association, which produces Horn in the West, is favorable to the idea.

A similar move on a somewhat larger scale was blocked last year when the county commissioners, who had been asked to pay a considerable portion of a county-wide promotion man's salary, voted against it.

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State Garden Club To Hold School Here

Garden club members from all over North Carolina will gather in Boone next week for the second statewide Garden School, sponsored by the Garden Club of North Carolina and conducted by the Extension Division of N. C. State College.

Course I was held at State College in Raleigh earlier this year. The Course II program, to be held in the Fine Arts Building of Appalachian State Teachers College August 19-21, will feature Mrs. Edward L. Alexander of Newport News, Va., and Dr. J. M. Crevasse, horticulturist of the University of Florida.

Mrs. Alexander, who will cover color in flower arranging, use of the color wheel, and elements in flower arranging, is certified as an

instructor by the National Council of Garden Clubs, and is well known to many areas of the state as an outstanding lecturer and arranger. She has judged and exhibited at the International Flower Show, appeared on the program of the New York Symposium at the Metropolitan Museum of Art, judged the Sterling Bowl Tournament of Roses, and is in much demand as a flower arrangement lecturer through the east. This will be her first appearance as an instructor in North Carolina.

Dr. Crevasse's topics include growing exhibition flowers, native plant material and its adaptability to the garden, making flower show schedule and terminology, and judging horticultural classes. (Continued on page eight)