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Aug. 16	81	61	61	47
Aug. 17	72	53	65	23
Aug. 18	67	57	57	tr.
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NORTH CAROLINA'S GOVERNOR, Luther Hodges, is shown as he and Mrs. Hodges arrived at the Daniel Boone Theatre Friday night to witness a performance of Horn in the West. Assisting Mrs. Hodges is Leo Derrick, publicity director of the drama. Alfred Adams local banker, who was on hand to greet the Governor and his party, may be seen in left background. Picture on right shows the Governor backstage with Glenn Causey (Daniel Boone) being told a little of the history of the Revolutionary period gun they hold.



Causey has been with the Horn cast for six years, three of which he has played Daniel Boone. The Governor and his wife, along with several state officials, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Morton of Linville while they visited western North Carolina. Other events attended by the Governor in the area included the Grandfather Mountain Highland Games and gathering of the Scottish Clans Sunday, and service at Ruple Memorial Presbyterian Church in Blowing Rock, where he delivered the address.—Staff photos by Joe C. Minor.

\$37,000 Pledged As Golf Course Drive Is Started

Many Proffer Money For New Project

Stock purchases totalling \$37,500 have been pledged in a stock company being formed by the Boone Country Club to acquire 237 acres of land on Deerfield Road for a golf course and some site development.

At a meeting Monday night it was announced by the fund-raising committee that a number of additional investors contacted have indicated a definite interest in the project and their signed commitments are expected to be received within the next few days.

Approximately \$65,000 more is needed to acquire the property, upon which all options will expire before the end of the current year, said E. F. (Jerry) Coe, treasurer and chairman of the finance committee. All commitments must be in the hands of the finance committee by next Monday night, August 28, he added, if the project is to be completed according to present plans.

The third in a series of Monday night meetings has been called for August 26 by Dr. L. H. Owsley, president, at which time a final report on investments is expected to be made by the finance committee.

A resident of Washington, D. C., who has relatives in Boone and plans to settle here following his approaching retirement from the armed service, forwarded his \$1,000 pledge after reading last week's Democrat story on the project.

Pledges by Watauga County residents, which constitute the major portion of the commitments, have been augmented thus far by \$1,000 investments from persons in Morganton, Wilkesboro, Florida, and Washington, D. C.

A charter was drawn Monday night by Attorney Wade E. Brown, chairman of the bylaws committee, and other officers of the country club, for the formation of the stock company to buy and develop the property.

The 237 acres will cost about \$100,000, with approximately \$80,000 more needed for the construction of a 130 to 140-acre golf course. The balance of the property (more than 100 acres) will be developed for home sites, for which purpose it has been pronounced as ideal by competent observers.

Although \$1,000 pledges are being sought, the finance committee announced that larger investments will also be accepted.

July steel output was lowest since last August.

Swedish Scouts Visit Newspaper



VISITORS FROM SWEDEN.—Ernie Lewis, Democrat linotype operator, shows Scouts from Sweden how the newspaper is composed. Left to right are Goran Grimvall, Goteborg, Sweden; Gunnar Persson, of Stoby, group leader; Joe Edwards, former Field Scout Executive in Watauga, but now with the Daniel Boone Council in Asheville; Rune Hansson, of Malmo, and Inge-Bert Taljedal, Sodertalje. All are Explorer Scouts in Sweden, and are on their way home after spending some time at Philmont Scout Ranch in New Mexico.—Staff photo by Joe C. Minor.

241 To Get College Degrees

Two hundred and forty-one graduates will receive degrees at Appalachian State Teachers College Thursday evening, when the commencement exercises will be held. One hundred and twenty-five of these will receive the master of arts degree, and one hundred and sixteen will receive that bachelor of science degrees.

Speaker for the occasion will be Major L. P. McLendon of Greensboro.



MAJOR L. P. McLENDON

McLendon, the vice chairman of the North Carolina State Board of Higher Education. Major McLendon is a native of Wadesboro. He holds earned degrees from North Carolina State College and the University of North Carolina and an honorary LL.D. degree from the University of North Carolina. Major McLendon was admitted to the North Carolina Bar in 1913. He served at one time as mayor of Chapel Hill; practiced law alone in Durham for a time; was senior member of the firm of McLendon and Hedrick in Durham; and since 1933 has been a member of the firm of Brooks, McLendon, Brim & Holderness in Greensboro. He was a member of the North Carolina General Assembly in 1917; was solicitor of the 10th

Judicial District; was chairman of the State Board of Elections for four years; chairman of the Commission on State Department of Justice for North Carolina Probation Commission from 1939 to 1954; and declined an appointment as a member of the North Carolina Supreme Court in 1936. Major McLendon has served as an officer in the National Guard, the U. S. Army Field Artillery in France, and was discharged as major. Among the offices he holds at present are the following: Trustee of the University of North Carolina, Agricultural and Technical College, North Carolina, Baptist Hospital, Cone Memorial Hospital; president of the Medical Foundation of North Carolina, Inc.; member of the North Carolina Bar (he was its president in 1940-1941), North Carolina Association, American Bar Association, Fellow American Bar Association Foundation; member and vice chairman of the North Carolina State Board of Higher Education since 1955. Major McLendon is a Democrat, a Baptist, a member of Kappa Sigma, and of the Greensboro Country Club and the M & M Club of Greensboro.

The commencement program at Appalachian will consist of the procession by the summer school band under the direction of William G. Spencer; the hymn "O Worship the King"; the invocation by the Rev. J. K. Parker, Jr., pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Boone; "Ode to Democracy" by the band; the address to the graduating class by Major McLendon; the presentation of candidates for the bachelor of science degree by Dr. D. J. Whitener, dean of the college; the presentation of candidates for the Master of arts degree by Dr. Herbert W. Wey, dean of the graduate school; conferring degrees and awarding diplomas by Dr. W. H. Plemmons, president of Appalachian State Teachers College; the presentation of diplomas by H. R.

Eggers, the registrar, the benediction by the Rev. Edwin F. Troutman, pastor of the Grace Lutheran Church of Boone; and the recessional by the band.

Elected and serving as marshals for the occasion will be John L. Idol of Boone, chief; Billy S.

Burns, Valdese; Henry C. Cline, Granite Falls; Alvis Corum, Leaksville; Harold H. Lowery, Gastonia; Lacy H. Taylor, Lumberton; Herbert Hampton, Boone; Charles Gilchrist, Lillington; Micky C. Froneburger, Cherryville; Nancy

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State Garden School Is Largely Attended

About 100 garden clubbers, gathered here for Course II of the North Carolina Garden School, heard an address Monday by Dr. J. M. Crevasse, Jr., a National Garden Council instructor and former University of Florida staff member.

Mrs. B. W. Stallings of Boone, general chairman, presided.

Dr. Crevasse, speaking at the opening of the three-day session in the Fine Arts Building of Appalachian State Teachers College, said wild flowers are getting rarer and efforts should be made to conserve wild plant life. "Wild flowers are being destroyed," the speaker said, "by people pulling them up by the roots in the woods. Efforts are being made to conserve wild plant life. They cannot be used in any accredited flower show and their use should be discouraged in homes."

He said everyone connected with flower shows should know prohibited material and refuse entries containing plants on the prohibited list.

"Each plant is a native of a particular spot in the world," said Dr. Crevasse, "and a good many choice plant materials are native of this section. You should do everything possible to preserve them."

Dr. Crevasse discussed proper location, soil preparation, water control, and insect control at the morning session.

He devoted the afternoon instruction to "flower show schedule and terminology, and judging of horticultural classes," ending with point judging.

Mrs. Edward L. Alexander of Newport News, Va., an outstanding lecturer and arranger who has exhibited at the International Flower Show, Tuesday covered color in flower arranging, use of the color wheel, and elements in flower arranging.

The final day (Wednesday) was reserved for the written and flower arrangement point judging examination.

Committee chairmen include Mrs. Lee Reynolds, flower arrangements; Mrs. James Council, hospitality; and Mrs. James Winkler, registration. Mrs. J. C. Cline was in charge of advance registrations.

The group attended "Horn in the West" Tuesday night.

Throng Of Visitors Gathers For Folk Festival And See Old Ways

Last Saturday again the Boone Folk Festival was attended by summer visitors from many states, by Boone citizens, and by our neighbors from nearby counties. About 250 were on hand to watch the informal presentation of "Anglo-Saxon" traditions in the singing games, songs, tales, country dances and other old ways of our people.

Artus Moser and his daughters Joan and Irene came from Swannanoa and sang ballads. This family also gave a concert of folk songs for the college on Monday night. The Mosers sing in the quiet and informal manner which acts off such music at its best. "Barbara Allen" one of the most widely known and best loved of

all ballads was sung at the festival. At 3 o'clock, children took part in the ritual courting game "Three Dukes A-riding", and other singing games, and then called loudly for "The Roman Soldiers" which is an ancient kind of war dance done usually by boys. Les Skeens, John Putnam, and Phil Kennedy sang a number of children's songs.

At 4 o'clock the sword dancers and mummery appeared and performed another traditional rite: the cutting down of Father Barleycorn and the necessity of "curling" him and raising him up again. This sword dance with its attendant "mumming" is said to be the oldest drama in the world. It once flourished all over Britain

and Europe and is still done in many places in England. Parts of the drama were brought to America but in only one instance has the whole ritual been revived—here in Boone at our Saturday Folk Festivals! The performers are mountain boys with the help of three college men. John Putnam's clowning in the part of The Doctor, and young Harold Tester of Sugar Grove as The Fool (the chief master of ceremonies), has amused festival audiences every Saturday this summer.

The festival is sponsored by The Southern Appalachian Historical Association. There is no admission charge. The last two programs will be given on August 24 and August 31.



Mrs. Bessie Payne sniffs a prized home-grown lily at Boone. Each year a patch of the coveted flowers whitens her backyard. Mrs. Payne began growing the lilies ten years ago when her son Ransome found four bulbs buried in a nearby creek bank. The flowers have since earned her top awards at flower shows and cash from sale of bulbs to town people.—John Corey photo.

Baptist Association To Have Sessions Next Week

Tuesday and Wednesday, August 27 and 28, mark the time for the annual sessions of the Three Forks Baptist Association. Messengers from forty-five churches scattered across Watauga County will gather at 9 a. m. Tuesday in the Cove Creek Church to open this year's meeting. The program for the first day will include an address by Wade E. Brown, Moderator of the Association; Dr. W. H. Plemmons, President of Appalachian State Teachers College; Mr. W. C. Reed, Superintendent of the Baptist Childrens Homes of North Carolina; and Dr. J. C. Canipe, former Pastor of Boone's First Baptist Church and President of the Baptist State Convention.

Evening sessions will convene with the Laurel Springs Baptist Church at 7:30 and will feature an address by Mrs. Walter M. Jones, wife of the minister of Oak Grove Baptist Church.

The closing day's sessions Wednesday from 9 a. m. to 3 p. m. will be held with the Gap Creek Baptist Church. Major addresses and messages will be brought by Mr. Horace Eason, State Baptist Brotherhood leader; Dr. Earl Bradley, Secretary of Promotion for the Baptist State Convention; and Dr. M. O. Owens, Jr., Pastor of the First Baptist Church, Lenoir.

The annual Associational sermon, always one of the year's highlights for Baptists of the county,

is scheduled for 11:20 on Tuesday morning and the preacher will be the Rev. Rex West, pastor of the Perkinsville Church. The sermon for the second day is scheduled for 11:40 a. m. and will be delivered by the Rev. Glenn Huffman, pastor of the Rutherford Church.

The Association, during its sessions, will hear reports with regard to all the various projects in which it is engaged and make far-reaching decisions with reference to programs, projects, and policies

for the future. The Rev. J. Hoyt Roberson, Missionary of the Association, is expected to challenge the Messengers and the churches from which they come to new and greater efforts in the promotion of the work of all the Baptist Churches in the county.

Others who will be featured in the sessions include the Rev. R. C. Eggers, Dr. J. T. C. Wright, the Rev. Raymond Hendricks, the Rev. Ernest Blankenship, the Rev.

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Freezer Plant Will Quit Locker Service

The Watauga Frozen Foods Company has announced that it will discontinue freezer locker service on September 15, but will continue to operate the meat processing department.

The freezer locker plant was organized in 1947 by a group of local businessmen who formed a corporation and bought stock to finance construction of the locker plant building and equipment.

W. H. Dameron of Warrenton was the first operator of the plant. A few years later it was sold to a group of local businessmen including Bernard Dougherty and Howard Cottrell, who operated the

plant for two years. The present owner and operator is the South-eastern Construction Company of Charlotte.

Manager Fred Perry of Boone said the ground underneath the zero storage room has frozen, causing the floor to heave and cracking the cork walls and ceiling. He has asked locker holders to remove their food as soon as possible. Any rent paid in advance will be refunded, he said.

"We will continue to be at your service for chilling and processing meats," said Perry, "and regret that we must ask you to give up your lockers."

Preparedness Urged In Case Of Outbreak Of Asian Influenza

Since cases of Asian type influenza are being reported from various parts of the United States and since in general this type of infection spreads rapidly affecting a large part of the population, serious consequences can result if a community is not prepared when the epidemic strikes there, Dr. Mary Michal, county health officer, warned. This strain of influenza is new to our country and there is no immunity present in the population so that in general close to 100% of the population gets the disease when exposed.

A new vaccine is being produced to meet this need to immunize

the population but will not be available until early September 1937, and then of course, the supply will gradually increase, Dr. Michal said.

Therefore, it is very important that those persons who are in positions to serve the public receive this vaccination first—such as, doctors, druggists, nurses, hospital personnel, teachers, grocery and other vital store operators and personnel, persons in public offices serving the public, persons employed in utilities, etc.

It is urged that every person whose work is vital in the community contact his private physician at once in order to let him

know how many of his patients will need the vaccine, for the order should be placed right away.

After receiving the vaccine, as is usual, it will take three to six weeks to build up immunity. Meanwhile, the infection is on its way and an epidemic can develop at any time. There is no vaccine available free as no money has been made available to buy it for public clinic use. Those persons who need it first will be able to pay for it. Later it is hoped, said Dr. Michal, as more vaccine becomes available, that others of the general population will get the vaccination.