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1961	High	Low	6 pm. prec.
Jan. 10	48	12	32
Jan. 11	50	20	41
Jan. 12	56	33	33
Jan. 13	51	16	41
Jan. 14	45	39	44
Jan. 15	44	40	40
Jan. 16	40	30	30
Total prec.—2.70 in.; some snow on 15th.			

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ON STADIUM SITE.—Workmen clear away trees and underbrush on the site of Appalachian State Teachers College's new football field. The stadium, when completed, will replace the one now being used, beside the men's old gym.—ASTC News Bureau photo.

TERM TO LAST FOR A WEEK

150 To Face Trial When Court Convenes Monday

Speed, Other Road Counts Add To Docket

The January term of Watauga Superior court will convene next Monday, with Honorable W. K. McLean of Asheville, the presiding Judge.

The term is for the trial of criminal cases, says Clerk A. E. South, and will last no more than one week.

About 150 cases will be tried, Mr. South says, the overwhelming majority of which involve speeding and other traffic violations. However, ten are to be tried on charges of breaking and entering and there are some indictments for violation of the prohibition laws.

Sheriff Is Reminded Of Court Rules

Rules of courtroom civility and procedure for the sheriff of Watauga county, were handed to Sheriff E. M. Hodges recently, and spell out the way the spring term of court is expected to be conducted. The rules were handed out by the Honorable W. K. McLean, Judge, who will preside over the term of court beginning Monday.

The rules specify that the sheriff and his deputies shall be capable of maintaining order in the courtroom at all times, and these officers shall wear the prescribed uniforms of their office.

The rules further state that the sheriff, or courtroom officer, shall remain in the courtroom at all times while the court is in session, and shall be stationed near the judge, remain alert and devote his attention exclusively to the court and the enforcement of its rules.

The sheriff, or courtroom officer, shall see that order and quiet is maintained in the courtroom at all times while court is in session, and at any recess taken, and until court adjourns for the day.

The following rules shall also be strictly enforced by the sheriff and courtroom officer:

They shall not permit any person, either attorney, officer, or spectator, to talk or engage in conversation while the court is in session, except attorneys, parties, and witnesses actually engaged in the trial of a case.

Shall under no circumstances permit any person, except attorneys, officers on official business, (continued on page six)



WAS IT THAT COLD?—Highway engineers estimated that nearly a thousand pounds of ice projected from this culvert under U. S. Highway 321 near Boone at the time this picture was taken. Resembling a huge ice machine, the water froze as it drained into the creek below the road.—Photo Flowers' Photo Shop.

Morton Sees General Upping Of Burley Tobacco Allotments

Washington.—Republican Sen. Thurston B. Morton of Kentucky this week predicted a general increase in burley tobacco acreage allotments this year.

"I personally think the increase ought to be about 10 per cent," Morton said.

Morton made his prediction after a conference with Secretary of Agriculture Ezra Taft Benson. Morton presented statistics showing a rise in burley consumption in recent years.

Burley consumption has outstripped total production, in fact, for the last six years—each year since the last burley allotment decrease in 1954.

Morton credited much of the recent burley gain to the popularity of filter-tip cigarettes. More burley is used in filter-tips than in non-filter brands.

Morton said cigarette manufacturers have been pressing for an increase in burley allotments. He mentioned the R. J. Reynolds and Brown and Williamson tobacco companies in particular.

The manufacturers, he said, have been forced to cut their burley inventories below desirable levels because of the increased demands.

The manufacturers have found some relief, Morton said, in the "homogenizing" process which allows them to use almost all the tobacco plant. But they can be expected to ask for allotment increases, he said, when tobacco industry leaders meet with congressional and administrative officials here later this month.

Also, Morton said, the increased demand for burley has allowed some foreign markets to challenge "the traditional predominance" of American burley. "And once you lose your foreign markets, it's awfully hard to get them back."

Morton noted that any increase in allotments would have to come

Toastmaster Club To Meet

The Toastmasters Demonstration Program will be held January 23rd at 7 o'clock at Kirk's Restaurant.

A Dutch dinner will be served at \$1.25 per person.

Toastmaster Lieutenant Governor Robert Almons will be present, along with twelve or fifteen guests from Morganton, Asheville and Hickory.

This is a meeting for the purpose of deciding whether or not a Toastmasters Club is wanted in Boone.

It is asked that there be a full attendance at this meeting, and those who have been notified call the Chamber of Commerce at once so that reservations may be made.

from the new Democratic Secretary of Agriculture, Orville Freeman.

But Freeman will have the same information that has been available to Secretary Benson, Morton noted, and will probably order an increase.

Sen. Morton also discussed the possibility of new legislation challenging the small burley growers' protection against allotment decreases.

Under present law, the farmer

with an acre of tobacco or less is not required to participate in the allotment decreases. Morton said that because of this, larger growers have had to bear the burden of allotment reductions.

The Senator indicated he may sponsor legislation requiring across-the-board decreases to all burley growers on a percentage basis. He would not, however, require the small grower to decrease his allotment below the 1960 level.

State Calf And Yearling Sales Seen For Boone

Both a feeder calf and yearling steer sale sponsored by N. C. Cattlemen Association, may be held in Boone this year if 500 cattle can be signed up for each sale by July 1.

This was the tentative promise given a group of cattle producers in a meeting at the Boone Court-house last Thursday.

Representing the Cattlemen's Association was Bill Austin Jr., secretary. Also present were H. D. Quessenberry, cattle marketing specialist, N. C. Department of

Agriculture, and A. V. Allen, extension beef cattle specialist, State College, Raleigh.

Watauga beef cattle producers, county agents, and market operators pointed out that census figures show that we have 4,362 beef cows in Watauga county and that some cattle can be expected from nearby areas. Many of our farmers also pasture yearling steers that are sold in the fall.

A yearling steer sale was proposed for Friday, October 13, and a feeder calf sale for Friday, October 27. A sign-up for these proposed sales must be completed by the first of July so that the cattlemen's association may determine if enough cattle can be obtained for the sales.

Bluff District Travel Is Off

The Bluff District of the Blue Ridge Parkway had a decrease in travel of 6.9% as compared to December last year.

The "Monthly Visitor Report" gives visitors for Calendar Year 1960 as compared to Calendar Year 1959.

James River (Virginia)—Mile 0 to 115—Visitors this month, 17,907. Same month last year, 25,854.
 Rocky Knob (Virginia)—Mile 115 to 217—Visitors this month, 64,752; Same month last year, 70,305.

Bluffs (North Carolina)—Mile 217 to 305—Visitors this month, 42,999; Same month last year, 46,178.

Asheville (North Carolina)—Mile 305 to 469—Visitors this month, 43,681; Same month last year, 50,007.

Total visitors this month: 169,239.

Total visitors same month last year: 181,342.

MAN IN SPACE IN SPRING

The first American manned rocket ride is set for early spring if a large ape survives the jolt of a blast-off from Cape Canaveral early in 1961.

Rites Held For W. C. Watson

William Clarence Watson, 50, prominent Sugar Grove citizen, who engaged in trucking and in farming activities, died at Watauga Hospital last Wednesday, after a long illness.

Funeral services were held at the Cove Creek Baptist Church Friday at 2 o'clock. Rev. E. M. Blankenship, Rev. Alvin Wilson and Rev. E. O. Gore conducted the rites and burial was in Laurel Springs Church cemetery.

Survivors include the widow, Mrs. Lucy Mast Watson, a stepson and a stepdaughter: Martin Luther Bingham of Sugar Grove, and Mrs. Blaine Miller, of Middlebrook, Conn.

There are four brothers: Cloyd, Floyd, Guy Watson, Deep Gap, and Allie Watson of Boone.

TB Seal Sale Funds Short

The Tuberculosis Seal Sale in the Alleghany-Ashe-Watauga District has now reached \$4,405, which remains short as compared to the money needed to carry out the 1961 TB program. More funds are needed and it is not too late to mail your contribution before the final report is made.

The money contributed makes it possible throughout the year to meet the needs of our local TB patients and keep the chest X-ray mobile units coming into the counties as well as to carry on a strong program of Research, Education and Rehabilitation.



CAMPUS VISITORS.—John Rooks, principal of Union Grove School, Union Grove, introduces Appalachian State Teachers College to eleven of his students who visited the campus. All the students are interested in attending the institution upon their graduation from high school. Principal Rooks, a graduate of ASTC, received his B. S. in 1949, and his M. A. in 1954.—ASTC News Bureau photo.

Unemployment Relief In Area Is Not Expected Before April

Elkin.—Relief in the unemployment problem in a seven-county area served by the Mount Airy and North Wilkesboro offices of the Employment Security Commission cannot be expected before April, managers of the two offices said this week.

New claims for unemployment insurance in December rose sharply over those of November at both offices, indicating a substantial increase in unemployment in the seven counties, the managers said.

At the Mount Airy office, which serves Surry and Yadkin counties, December claims totaled 2,221, compared with 1,161 in November, or an increase of almost 100 per cent. December, 1960, claims were more than double those of December, 1959, according to office manager Carl M. Baber.

A similar situation was reflected by the North Wilkesboro office, which serves Ashe, Alleghany, Alexander, Watauga and Wilkes counties.

Troy Perry, office manager, said new claims in December amounted to 1,677, compared to only 1,205 in November and just 666 in December, 1959.

Both Baber and Perry had the same explanation for at least a part of the increase in claims. They pointed out that many industrial plants in the area closed down for one week during the Christmas holidays and that many employees took an additional one-week holiday, for which they later filed claims for unemployment insurance.

Both managers agreed that the outlook for the next 60 days is not optimistic, but they expressed belief that some pickup may be expected by the first of April. Normally, the area experiences a slackness in production at this time of year, they said, but the situation this year is worse than usual.

Baber said a small hosiery mill is being moved from Yanceyville to Mount Airy and should be in production soon, employing 40 to 50 workers. Also on the brighter side is an expansion program at Washington Mills in Dobson, which will create 123 new jobs by spring.

Perry said most industries in the five-county area served by his office have laid off workers during the past 30 to 60 days. The industries include furniture, construction, woodworking, hosiery, apparel and textiles, all of which



MISS ELIZABETH LORD AT LOOM

Miss Elizabeth Lord Succumbs Saturday

Miss Elizabeth M. Lord, 63, director of Watauga Handicrafts in Boone, died at Watauga Hospital last Saturday after an extended period of failing health.

Funeral services were held at the Boone Methodist Church Monday at 1 o'clock, by the pastor Rev. Preston Hughes, who was assisted in the rites by Rev. E. F. Troutman, pastor of Grace Lutheran Church.

Services are to be held also at Berwick, Maine, with burial in Evergreen cemetery, Berwick.

Surviving are two brothers, Herbert W. Smart, Jackson Heights, N. Y., and Irving O. Smart, Oxford, Mass.

Miss Lord was born in Baltimore, Md., a daughter of Herbert Lord, M. D., and Mrs. Harriet Osgood Lord Smart. She grew up in South Portland, Maine, and was graduated from Mount Holyoke College with a Phi Beta Kappa.

are operating at below normal production, Perry said.

later studying one year in London and Vienna.

She was employed as a high school teacher in New Jersey, hospital technician, assistant at Carnegie Institute Station for Experimental Evolution, was library assistant and children's governess in New York and New Jersey.

Miss Lord became interested in handicrafts at a Crafts Fair in New York, studied at Penland in North Carolina, and came to Boone in 1938 to take part in the newly-established Watauga Handicrafts League. For several years she was secretary of the Worthwhile Woman's Club. She was an active member of the Boone Methodist Church.

Asks Funds For Parkway

President Eisenhower, in his final budget message, asked for \$2,495,100 for the Blue Ridge Parkway in North Carolina.