

BOONE WEATHER					
	1961	High	Low	6 pm prec.	1960—H.L.
May 30	69	46	63		74 35
May 31	75	48	64		72 40
June 1	77	52	74		73 43
June 2	81	63	77		73 47
June 3	78	59	66		74 53
June 4	79	52	69	tr.	74 58
June 5	74	50	68		74 59
Rainfall	—tr.				

ASC Annual Report Has Farm Facts

From the 1960 ASC Watauga county annual report there comes some interesting facts for all farmers of the county, as well as a number of agricultural workers, business men and others who are deeply interested in the agriculture of our county.

Basically the most important part of this report is the amount of conservation work accomplished under the Agricultural Conservation Program. 7340 acres were treated in one way or another, and more than half this acreage represented the improvement of a permanent vegetative cover of either pastures or meadows.

The government cost-sharing in the performance of all these practices amounted to over \$86,000, or an average of \$11.82 per acre. The farmers share of the cost plus his own labor amounted to at least the same amount, or more.

The practice of this program have paid the farmers big dividends during the past twenty-five years. Farmers who have continually made use of these practices have built up their soils, their livestock and dairy herds, increased production of their crops, either improved or built new farm buildings, and, in general, the standard of living of the farmers in the county is comparable to that of their neighbors who have businesses of their own or work in industry.

Since the inception of this program more than half of the farmers in the county participate each year, and at least thirty-five to forty percent participate every year.

Ninety percent of the fertilizers and seeds used in carrying out these practices is sold by local vendors, handling only the best materials available.

No one could venture to say in just what condition the farms of this county would be in had it not been for the stake this program has had in achieving these accomplishments in agriculture on our farms thus far.

County Rescue Squad Sought

All interested in forming a Watauga County Rescue Squad are asked to meet at Kirk's Restaurant Thursday evening at 8 o'clock.

Wataugans At Crafts Workshop



CRAFTS WORKSHOP.—Drawn work proved to be popular handicraft at the western district craft workshop. Busily working on their designs are (left to right) Mrs. Hubert Inman, Boone; Mrs. Richard Landon, Weaverville, instructor; and Mrs. John Houck, Boone.

Waynesville.—Around 170 Home Demonstration Club women attended the twelfth handicraft workshop held at Schaub 4-H Club Camp near Waynesville.

Club members from the various counties in the western district were taught crafts which they will teach to other club members in their local clubs.

Crafts taught by skilled craftsmen at the workshop included aluminum chasing and embossing, braided rugs, straw brooms, chair caning, copper enameling, copper tooling and embossing, corn shuck chair bottoms, corn shuck dolls, and drawn work.

Other crafts taught were pine

cone articles, reed baskets, Swedish darning, tin can craft, torn paper, wood carving, and quilting.

Those attending from Watauga county included: Mrs. Howard Carlson, Miss Jean Childers, Mrs. J. C. Cline, Mrs. John Houck, Mrs. Hubert Inman, and Mrs. Ethel Richardson.

Parkway Rhododendron At Peak; Flame Azalea Brightens Countryside

The purple rhododendron reached their peak of bloom this week-end. They should remain in this state for next three days and will continue to be attractive for the next week. The most outstanding displays are located at Milepost 231; 240 to 244; and 266 to 267.

The flame azalea has reached its peak and will remain attractive for the next week.

Mountain Laurel is beginning to show a few widely scattered blooms and should reach a peak within approximately ten days.

Beginning June 15 naturalist walks, hikes and campfire programs will be inaugurated at Doughton Park and Price Park on this district of the Blue Ridge Parkway.

A Christian ministry in the National Parks will again offer non-denominational religious services this summer in Doughton Park. The program will be announced later by the student minister, Robert D. Miller.

This district showed a decrease in travel of 6.4% for May, 1961 as compared to May 1960.

James River, Virginia—(Mile 0 to 115)—Visitors this month, 85,070; Visitors same month last year, 92,103.

Rocky Knob, Virginia—(Mile 115 to 217)—Visitors this month, 127,706; Visitors same month last year, 121,501.

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MRS. ROBERT HUGHES

Funeral Held For Mrs. Hughes

Funeral services for Mrs. Anna Bell Dancy Hughes, 22, were held Thursday at 2 o'clock at the Pleasant Grove Baptist Church in the Silverstone neighborhood.

Rev. Ronda Earp, Rev. Preston Hughes and Rev. James Kisselburg conducted the rites and burial was in Mountlawn Memorial Park in Boone.

Mrs. Hughes was struck by an automobile driven by John Lee Atwell on the Linville road in front of her home Tuesday morning of last week, as she was crossing the road to enter an automobile driven by Rebecca Emma Earp of Vilas. She died instantly.

At an inquest held Monday by Coroner Richard E. Kelley it was decided that the accident was unavoidable and Mr. Atwell was not held.

Surviving are the husband, Robert D. Hughes of Boone; the parents, Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Dancy, Zionville, two brothers and two sisters, Jerry, Gary, Judy of Zionville and Mrs. Cecil Aldridge of Banner Elk.

High School To Open On Monday

Summer classes will begin Monday, June 12 at Appalachian High School, according to an announcement by Dr. Roy Blanton, principal. Registration will start promptly at 9:30 a. m. he said.

The summer school will operate for eight weeks, ending August 4, and will permit completion of one unit of work.

Classes will begin at 8:30 a. m. and continue until 12:30 p. m. Monday through Friday, Dr. Blanton said.

TWO WEEKS MIXED TERM

Ward Will Be Arraigned For Shooting His Wife

Jurors Chosen Superior Court Opening Mon.

One murder trial and nine civil cases are on the docket for the two-weeks mixed term of Watauga County Superior Court, which begins Monday. The Honorable J. Frank Huskins, of Burnsville, will be the presiding judge.

Stanley Ward, 47, has been held in the county jail since April 24, charged with the fatal shooting of his estranged wife, Mrs. Viola Ward, in the Rominger section of the county.

Mrs. Ward, mother of 10 children, was killed early that morning, according to an investigation by Sheriff E. M. Hodges and Coroner Richard E. Kelley, while her mother, Mrs. Monroe Harmon, looked on.

Ward and his wife had been separated for some time, according to investigating officers, and were attempting to reach a reconciliation of their domestic problems Sunday night, prior to the shotgun shooting. Mrs. Harmon joined in their discussions Monday morning. Ward reportedly left the room, went to the home of his father-in-law and borrowed a shotgun on the pretext of killing a rabbit, and returned.

Mrs. Ward died instantly from the shotgun wounds when the entire load took effect in her right side.

Following the shooting, the sheriff's investigation showed, Ward got a ride into Boone, where he gave himself up. He was quoted by Sheriff Hodges as saying he did not shoot his wife deliberately—that he didn't know the gun was loaded when he pulled the trigger.

Jurors for the term are listed. Where four name are given, the first two will serve the first week and the other two the second. Where six are listed, the first three will serve the first week and the others the second week.

Bald Mountain—Russell Vannoy, Lester Moretz; Fred Holman, Nate Phillips.

Beaver Dam—Floyd Trivet, Clyde Robinson, James Sherwood; Lewis Norris, Lloyd Dishman.

Blowing Rock—Lee Nelson, Dale Wood, Paul Gragg; Clarence Pitts, Will Castle, Fred Hartley.

Blue Ridge—Jones Miller, Carl Storie; Garner Winkler, Raymond Day.

Boone—Glenn Winkler, Granville Norris, Tom Beach; Sam Horton (Colored), Rhonda Horton (Colored), Allen S. Adams.

Brushy Fork—C. F. Thompson, Bud Mast; Bynum Beshears, Grady Bradley.

Cove Creek—Ray Wilson, James B. Mast, Dean Cook; Mack

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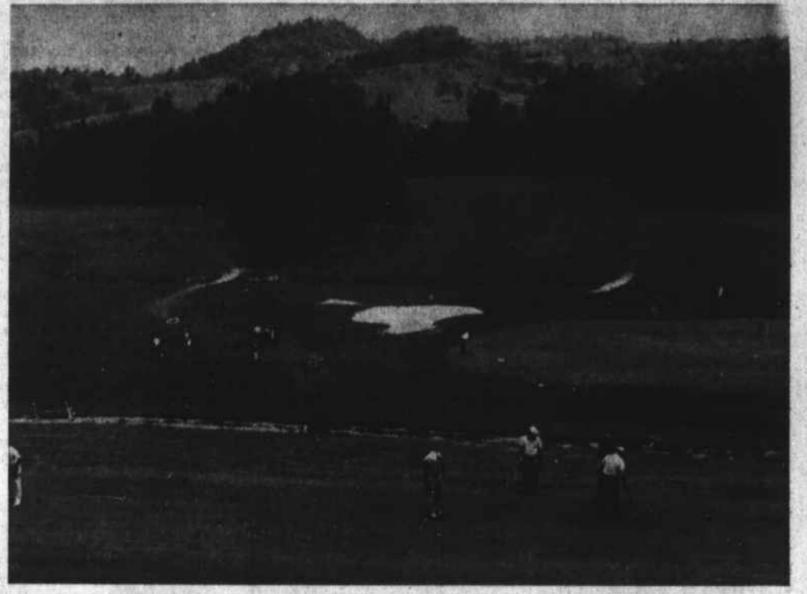
Fishing Rodeo On Wednesday

The tenth annual Watauga County Fishing Rodeo for children will be held on Wednesday, June 14, at 3 p. m., it was announced by B. W. Stallings, sponsor of the event. The site will be Diamond S Lake, on Poplar Grove Road.

All children under eleven years of age, accompanied by parents, are invited to attend. Only worms and poles will be allowed, with no casting.

Mr. Stallings said several prizes will be given, in addition to the naming and crowning of the rodeo queen. Jane Hodges, Miss Watauga County of 1961, will do the honor of crowning the young fishing queen.

Mr. Stallings also announced that every precaution will be taken for the safety of the young fishermen. A group of Boy Scouts will be on hand to help in this phase of the rodeo, but parents are urged to keep close tab on their children during the event.



CAROLINAS OPEN.—Preliminaries to the Carolinas Open Golf Tournament were being played when this picture was taken at the Boone Golf Course. More than 60 professional and amateur golfers were scheduled to take part in the event which will be concluded today (Thurs.).—Photo Flowers Photo Shop.

Carolinas Open In Progress As Third Golf Season Begins Here

The Carolinas Open golf tournament, the biggest event held on the Boone course since its opening two years ago, got under way Tuesday, with a great many of the leading golfers of the area taking to the fairways in a try for the championship of the sports classic.

Joe Maples, course professional, is definitely of the opinion that the tournament will be the best in the history of the Carolinas opening, and it marks a fitting celebration of the third season at the local club.

Tuesday consisted of 18 holes stroke play, with a banquet in the evening for the contestants, their wives, and members of the press. Eighteen holes stroke play will be Wednesday and Thursday.

Pro-Am Monday

A \$1,265 pro-am tournament Monday served as an exciting prelude to the Carolinas Open, when Joe Zarhardt, Spartanburg professional and his three amateur partners posted a best ball 57, 14 under par Monday to win \$125. His partners were Buzzy Basinger, Charlotte; Nick Kicidis, Union, S. C. and Harry Mahaffey of Spartanburg.

Three pros each won \$85 as they and their amateur partners finished a stroke behind Zarhardt, Chuck Alexander of Rocky Mount, Ronnie Thomas of Durham and Chuck Burns of Rock Hill, S. C., were the pros.

A field of 196, 49 pros each with three amateur partners, competed.

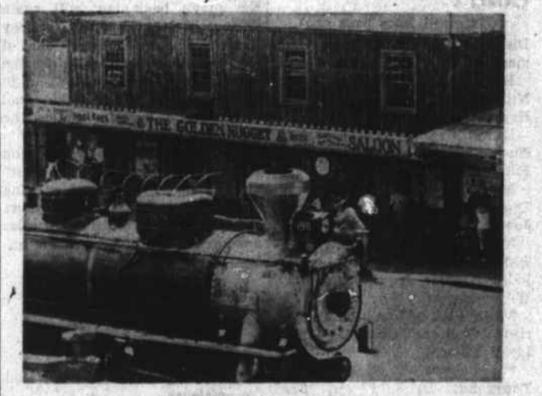
Tied for fifth money with best ball 60s were four teams. The pros, each getting \$47.50, were Frank Stone, Charlotte; Joe Cheves, Morganton; Wayne Haley, Martinsville, Va., and Fred Bolton, Anderson, S. C.

Two prizes, totaling \$50, were split up by nine pros whose teams shot 61s.

Chuck Alexander and Charlie Farlow of Greensboro split an additional \$25 for the best pro score—68.

Defending Open champion, Al Smith of Danville, Va., Lawrence Cook of Wilmington, Terry Alkinson of Leaksville, and Coke Trimal, Thomasville, each with 69.

Three amateurs shot 66s, one over the course record held by Shelby pro Pete Webb, Ken Folkes of Concord, Bob Bryant of Winston-Salem, and Spec Cross of Greensboro shot 66. Buzzy Basinger had 67, John Hughes of Greensboro 68, and Dillard Traynor



TWEETSIE ROLLS AGAIN

Steam's Up, Track's Clear For Gay Trip On Tweetsie

Blowing Rock Pool To Open

The Blowing Rock Municipal Olympic Swimming Pool will open Friday, June 9, for the summer season. The hours will be each morning from 10:00 until 1:00 p. m. and each afternoon from 2:00 until 6:00 p. m. with the exception of Monday mornings. At this time the pool will be closed for cleaning.

The town crew, under the direction of Mr. George Sudderth, manager, has been working overtime to get the pool in first class shape. The grounds have been beautified and the pool has been painted.

Blowing Rock—Steam's up and the track's clear for a trip into the Old West at Tweetsie Railroad in the Holiday Highlands of North Carolina.

The big little rail line at Blowing Rock has added a second train to carry the 200,000 "gun-toting" youngsters and their parents who are expected to visit Tweetsieville this season. Tourists traveling through the South to attend Civil War Centennial observances may swell this figure immensely.

Grover C. Robbins, owner-operator of Tweetsie, has completed modifications of the locomotive purchased from Alaska's White Pass & Yukon Railroad, has secured more 1880-style coaches and Tweetsie's running mate already painted.

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Boone Drug Company Marks Completion Of New Store

Boone Drug Company is observing this week the completion of the renovation, remodeling and modernizing of its quarters on East King Street.

The project is the latest effort—and one of the more notable ones—in the "new look" that has gradually swept along Boone's main street for a decade.

In recent years, under the leadership of its present owners, Doctors Wayne and O. K. Richardson, it has attracted wide attention in the retail drug industry, and last year, it was reported, held second place in retail volume among all Rexall stores in North Carolina.

Horn Rehearsals To Begin On Friday; Script Changes Planned

Rehearsals for the tenth annual production of the outdoor drama, "Horn in the West," will begin Friday, June 16, play director David French announced this week. Casting of parts has been completed and copies of a completely revised script has already been mailed to cast members.

The historical play opens in Boone at the Daniel Boone Theatre for its tenth season on July 1.

Director French has been working on the new script for several months and indications are that this year's production may well be the greatest in the history of the drama. One completely new scene has been added to give new suspense and stirring action to the play, while other scenes have been rewritten to add an indefinable freshness to the entire mood of the drama.

Of particular interest to the more than three hundred thousand guests who have already thrilled to performances over the past nine years is the announcement that this year's production will have completely new and colorful costumes, tempered authentically to the troubled times of the 1770s. The new coloring alone should make this year's show one of the most thrilling in America.

Director French has also announced an entirely new musical score, written for this season's drama by Robert Ellis, music supervisor for the Hickory public schools. Ellis has just completed three months of research in Carolina folk music, and has woven this into the mood for the new score.

Most of the leading characters of (Continued on page two)



HORN IN THE WEST.—Glenn Causey of Greensboro, who will play the role of Daniel Boone in "Horn in the West" this summer, looks out over the mountains once hunted by the famous explorer-hunter. The outdoor drama opens its tenth season on July 1. Rehearsals start next Friday.—Photo Flowers Photo Shop.