

BOONE WEATHER					
1961	High	Low	6 pm Prec.	1960	H-L
June 6	75	58	70	22	78-55
June 7	77	58	72	12	78-52
June 8	75	55	68	12	80-55
June 9	75	56	63	58	71-48
June 10	78	59	72	58	74-53
June 11	77	58	67	12	75-53
June 12	74	55	64	24	75-55
Total rainfall—2 inches.					



**RHODODENDRON IN BLOOM.**—This picture, made Monday by Hugh Morton at an overlook on the lower slopes of Grandfather Mountain, shows the red rhododendron in bloom. The flowering comes first to the lower elevations and during the month will rise to the higher peaks of Grandfather and other lofty mountains of the Blue Ridge and the Smokies.

## CIVIL CASES BEING TRIED

# Stanley Ward Is Given 25-30 Years In Slaying

### Mother Of 10 Is Killed At Climax Talks

Stanley Ward, 47, an odd jobs worker, was sentenced by Judge Frank Huskins in Watauga Superior Court Monday to not less than 25 nor more than 30 years in the State penitentiary in Raleigh, for the fatal shooting of his wife, the mother of ten children.

Ward pleaded guilty to second degree murder in the slaying of Mrs. Viola Ward, 41, at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Monroe Harmon, 18 miles southeast of Boone, on April 24.

Testifying to the court were Sheriff E. M. Hodges, Coroner Richard E. Kelley, SBI Agent C. E. Whiteman and Mrs. Monroe Harmon. The defendant did not testify.

According to the testimony of Mrs. Harmon, her daughter, who had separated from her husband, came to the Harmons from the Ward home in Lenoir. She said Ward also came to the house and they spent the night talking. Next morning, she said, she was with the two when Ward went out of the room and returned with a shotgun which belonged to Mr. Harmon and which had been hanging on the wall.

Mrs. Harmon said that Ward told his wife, "You have lived long enough," and fired, the full load from the 12-gauge gun taking effect in her left breast.

Ward had previously been quoted as saying the shooting was accidental, and that he didn't know the gun was loaded. He had been a prisoner in the county jail since the shooting.

After the homicide case was disposed of, the court began the trial of a number of civil cases.



**HORN CAST PRACTICE TO BEGIN.**—This picture, taken last year during playing of Horn in the West, shows Sam Phillips (Bill Farthing), left, and Daniel Boone (Glenn Causey), right, in dramatic scene. Re-written this year, the directors promise a livelier drama than ever before. Rehearsals begin Friday, and the show opens July 1 in Daniel Boone Theatre.—Photo Flowers Photo Shop.

# Robert Ellis Named Director Music For This Year's Drama

## Clean-Up Week Starts Monday At B. Rock

Mayor R. B. Hardin has proclaimed the week beginning next Monday, June 19th as Cleanup and Beautification Week in Blowing Rock.

The Mayor is most anxious that every effort be made by the residents of the town to have their premises cleaned up and beautified on the even of the beginning of the summer tourist season in that popular mountain top resort area. Town trucks will supplement their regular schedules by special trips to pick up trash, when telephone calls are made to city hall.

Robert H. Ellis, well-known choral director of Hickory, will be the musical director of the outdoor drama Horn in the West, play director David French has announced. Ellis has already been working on new music for the drama, opening for the tenth season on July 1.

A former music director in Guilford County and in Scotland Neck, Ellis currently holds dual positions as choral director of Hickory High School and the First Presbyterian Church in Hickory. Under the guidance of Ellis, the Hickory High School Chorus has become famous for its excellent performances. The group has entered 23 State contests over the past four years and received 21 superior ratings.

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## 1,582 Register At College

Student registration for the first six weeks term at Appalachian State Teachers College totaled 1,582, according to the office of Registrar H. R. Eggers. Registration for the term began last week, and was completed Monday.

Of this number, 590 are graduate students. This, too, is a record graduate student enrollment, reports Dr. Cratis Williams, graduate studies director.

Four of seventeen two-week workshops scheduled this summer at the college begin Monday, according to an announcement by Dr. James E. Stone, summer sessions director. They are:

Piano, to be directed by Erwin Freundlich, of Julliard School of Music, New York.

Reading, Havelly O. Moyer, of State University of New York, director.

Supervision of Student Teachers, to be directed by Ernest J. Milner, of Syracuse University, New York.

Art Education, Elizabeth Mack, Charlotte Public Schools, director.

## Grandfather Sing Slated

The 37th annual Singing on the Grandfather Mountain will be held June 25, it was announced by J. Hartley, chairman.

Features on the all-day event include Arthur Smith and the Crossroads Quartet, the Harvesters and the Blue Ridge Quartet.

John Parris of Asheville will peak, and the Rev. Roscoe Green and the Rev. A. G. Buchanan will preach.

Located at the base of the Grandfather Mountain on Highway 221, 10 miles east of Linville, the singing has been an outstanding attraction each summer in this area for many years. First singing, or convention as it is sometimes referred to, was held in 1925. (Continued on page three)

# Visitors Help With Work On Trip To King's X, Folk Center

## Virgil Ray Is Ky. Colonel

Mr. Virgil Ray of Boone has been commissioned a Kentucky Colonel by Governor Bert Combs. The handsome certificate issued by the Kentucky Governor and which is highly appreciated by Mr. Ray is being framed and will hang in his office at the Home Finance Co.

## H. J. Teague Dies At 94

Hiram John Teague, Sr., 94 year old farmer of Blowing Rock, Route 4, died Saturday in Watauga Hospital. He had been in declining health for sometime.

Funeral services were conducted at Blowing Rock Presbyterian Church by the pastor, the Rev. A. Blake Brinkerhoff, in an 11:00 a. m. ceremony. Burial was in the Blowing Rock City cemetery.

He is survived by the widow, Mrs. Annie Broyhill Teague; two daughters, Mrs. L. D. Tester, Blowing Rock, Mrs. Frank Church, Boone; five sons, T. R. Matland, Fla., W. H. of Charleston, W. Va., Charlie of Hampstead, Md., H. J., Jr. and Ben Teague both of Boone; one sister, Mrs. Nan Underwood, Linville. There are 15 grandchildren, approximately 50 great grandchildren, 19 great, great grandchildren and one sixth generation child.

Funeral services were conducted Tuesday at 2:00 p. m. in the Beaver Dam Baptist Church by the Rev. J. H. Crisp, assisted by the Rev. Carl Wilson. Burial was in the Beaver Dam cemetery.

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# County Rescue Squad's Being Organized

Initial steps for the formation of an emergency and rescue squad in Watauga County were taken Thursday night, in a meeting of interested persons at Kirk's restaurant.

Temporary officers for the new squad, to be known as Watauga County Emergency and Rescue Squad, Inc., are as follows: Capt. W. Watkins; First Lieut., Zeb Kirk; Second Lieut., Fred Mast; Jim Duncan; Secretary, Mrs. Marsh; Treasurer, Zeb Kirk.

Watkins said as the squad's temporary Captain, he would coordinate the organizational work and the group to a functional

status. Hard and rigorous work lies ahead for the group, he declared, in a complete training program that will result in an efficient emergency and rescue squad.

Present for the meeting, and offering advice and encouragement to the new group were officers from the Carter County, Tenn. emergency and rescue unit.

The new group already has an important piece of equipment in a station wagon that will be equipped as an emergency vehicle for use in rescue work. The station wagon is a gift to the new unit from Zeb Kirk, given in memory of his son John and grandson Stevie Kirk.



JO ANN HARDIN

## Jo Ann Hardin Is Given Degree

Jo Ann Hardin, of Boone, graduated from the School of Pharmacy at the University of North Carolina on June 5. Miss Hardin plans to be an apprentice pharmacist at Danbury Hospital, seven miles from her parents' home in Candlewood Orchards, Brookfield, Connecticut.

## J.S. Snyder, 93, Dies Sunday

Jacob Smith Snyder, Sr., 93 year old resident of the Beaver Dam community, died at his home last Sunday, following a long period of declining health.

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## Floridian Has Good Ad Result

Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Martin of St. Petersburg, Fla. have found suitable living quarters at Blowing Rock, from an ad inserted in the Democrat some time ago.

Mr. Martin came to the Democrat to express his appreciation for the fine coverage the Democrat has. He said he received some 30-odd replies not only from Boone and Blowing Rock but from different sections of the county.

King's X had visitors from a work camp at Celso, N. C., recently who helped put tar paper on our roof cellar and did many clean-up tasks. Local neighbors have been working on an addition to the Woods Edge house; and two walls are now framed. White pines have been trimmed. The small fruits patch is thriving and may yield a couple of dishes of blueberries and one of raspberries this summer.

The "Rose Fence" has thickened considerably and may by summer's end be high enough to turn stray livestock.

The Wild Garden's Shooting Stars, Showy Orchids, Yellow Lady Slippers, and various rare ferns have done well this spring.

Botanists at The University of Maine sent us Twinflower and Snowberry in exchange for a Climbing Fern and other plants native to the Appalachian South. Mr. E. C. Robbins of The Gardens of The Blue Ridge at Pineola has been most generous in helping King's X with native wild flowers on a barter basis. Mrs. Chase discovered a large batch of Climbing Fern last winter, near Gatlinburg, Tenn., and gave them to Mr. Robbins and other friends.

Mr. Chase made a trip recently, telling Jack Tales in schools near New York City, and gave programs also at Akron University and for The College of Forestry at The University of Syracuse. He also visited his two young grandsons in Chicago and his mother and sister in upper New York State.

He did several radio programs in New York and Chicago and made a television appearance in Syracuse. Currently he is scheduled for engagements in Richmond, Va. He will also go to a hospital in Richmond to have a throat specialist examine a growth on his vocal chords.

Visitors to King's X are expected this summer from California, Washington, New York, and Chicago—for work camp activities and consultation in the field of folk songs, folk tales, country dances, and other mountain traditions.

## Wool Pool Is Sold Saturday

Watauga county farmers sold 19,149 pounds of wool for \$11,104.09 to the Fred Whitaker Company, of Philadelphia, Penn., Saturday, according to figures kept by the county agricultural agent's office.

Eighteen thousand and three pounds was graded clear medium wool and went at the top price of \$39.77 per hundred pounds. 320 pounds graded light burry, and sold at \$50.80 cwt; 232 pounds graded reject and sold for \$44.83. 573 pounds of tags brought \$11.95 per hundred.

## City Vote On Tuesday

A new Mayor and three members of the Board of Aldermen will be elected when the Boone voters go to the polls next Tuesday.

Only the Democrats have nominated a ticket, and the Republicans having failed to offer opposition.

The Registration books closed last Saturday. Mrs. Fred Mast is the Registrar and only a half dozen new voters were enrolled for the municipal balloting.

Attorney Wade E. Brown's name will appear on the ticket for Mayor. Mayor Howard Cottrell declined nomination due to pressures of personal business, but did accept nomination for the Board, on which he has served for many years.

Others who will serve as Aldermen are Con Yates and Harry M. Hamilton, Jr.

Without an opposing ticket, a light vote is expected.

## Dr. Lawrence Goes To Denver

Dr. Ray Lawrence will leave for Denver, Colorado next Saturday, where he will attend the American Optometrists convention.

Dr. Lawrence will be a delegate to the International Association of Boards of Examiners in Optometry while at the convention. He was recently re-elected to a five year term to the North Carolina Board of Examiners in Optometry. A daughter, Miss Mary Lawrence, will accompany Dr. Lawrence to Denver.

# George G. Farthing, County Agent, Dies

North Wilkesboro, June 10—George Greer Farthing, 55, Wilkes County agricultural agent, died Friday near C. C. Alexander's home north of Roaring River. He was found dead by a passing motorist at 3:15 p. m. on the road. Apparently, he had pulled his car to the side of the road, stepped out and fell dead.

Death was attributed to a second heart attack. He had suffered a heart attack two years ago but had returned to work following recovery.

As one of the most outstanding agents in the state Mr. Farthing had been awarded the Distinguished Service Award in 1958.

He was born in Watauga County to William J. and Laura G. Farthing. He was married to the former Miss Blanche Bingham.

Education

He was educated in the public school at Sugar Grove in Watauga County, Berea Academy at Berea, Ky., and received a B.S. degree from Berea College in 1932. He did graduate work at Berea and had attended a summer school study at North Carolina State College.

In 1933-34 he had taught in Cove Creek High School in Watauga and from 1934 until 1939 had served as vocational agriculture teacher there. He joined the extension service in 1939 and was assistant county agent in Watauga for two years. After a year as assistant agent in Swain County he was county agent of Clay County for two years followed by three

# Final Date On Wheat Quotas

June 30, 1961 is the final date for which farmers may file an application for a 1962 new farm wheat allotment. Full information concerning eligibility requirements is available at the local ASC office.

He was a member of the Baptist church, the Masonic lodge, the Farm Bureau Grange and Knights of Pythias Lodge.

In Wilkes he was instrumental in the organization of 22 rural communities, in the formation of a telephone cooperative now serving 1,000 patrons in Wilkes and in the establishment of an agricultural center for staging agricultural events.

Mr. Farthing was president of the District Association of Extension Agents in 1956.

He is survived by the widow.

Funeral services were conducted at 3 o'clock Sunday at the Wilkesboro Baptist Church by Rev. Henry Morgan. Burial was in Mountain Memorial Park in Boone.



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