

BOONE WEATHER					1960-H-L				
1961	High	Low	6 pm	prec.	1960	High	Low	6 pm	prec.
July 18	78	60	70		78	58			
July 19	76	55	70	tr.	80	57			
July 20	82	60	78		76	57			
July 21	77	63	71		80	60			
July 22	82	62	72	26	83	58			
July 23	78	62	75	tr.	78	60			
July 24	76	59	75	.04	77	52			
Total rain—30 inch.									

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Northwestern, Bank Of Elkin Merger Voted

North Wilkesboro, July 26—Directors of The Northwestern Bank of North Wilkesboro and the Bank of Elkin met in special session Tuesday in Winston-Salem and voted to merge the two institutions. It was announced here by officials of The Northwestern Bank.

The merger proposal is subject to the approval of the stockholders of both banks and a stockholders election will be called in the near future.

If the vote is favorable, authority for the merger will be sought from supervising state and federal agencies.

"There is no reason to believe that the merger will not be approved," officials said.

The Northwestern Bank had previously requested authority from the State Banking Commissioner to establish a branch bank in Elkin. The request was made before the two banks voted to merge. The Bank of Elkin is the only bank in Elkin.

Merger negotiations between the two banks have been underway for more than a month, it was revealed.

The Northwestern Bank, with 32 branches, has assets of approximately \$97,000,000. Those of the Bank of Elkin total \$7,328,630.

Garland Johnson, president, and B. F. Folger, executive vice-president of the Bank of Elkin, are expected to retain their positions in the merged bank.

Idol Is Named To New School Post In Wilkes

North Wilkesboro, July 26—The Wilkes County Board of Education has elected John V. Idol as assistant superintendent of Wilkes County Schools.

This position was made possible by the state legislature voting funds to provide 44 assistant superintendents for the larger school administrative units in the state.

Mr. Idol's duties will consist chiefly of business manager, handling purchasing of supplies, supervisor of maintenance work, transportation, textbooks, lunch room operation.

"This help in the administration of the schools will mean much to the overall program," reports Supt. C. B. Eller, "as it will make it possible for us to do a better job."

Supt. Eller stated this is not a plan to make his job easier but to help him do a better job. By (continued on page 3, section B)

Cast Members Again On TV

Principal characters of the "Horn in the West" made their second television appearance of the year last Monday.

A group of Indians and settlers joined Daniel Boone and Reverend Sims on the "Fred Kirby Show" over WBT-TV in Charlotte at 5:00 p. m.

The group staged a short Indian raid on the program, with Daniel Boone and the settlers driving off the raiders. Interviews with the "Horn" actors followed the mock battle. The time allowed to the promotion was fifteen minutes.

T. L. Teague Dies Last Week

Mr. Thomas Letcher Teague, age 63, of 414 Queen Street, Boone, died at home on Wednesday, July 19th.

Although Mr. Teague had been in failing health, his death was unexpected. He was born and lived his entire life in Watauga County.

Services were held Friday, July 21st, at 2:00 p. m. at the First Baptist Church, with the Rev. E. F. Troutman officiating. Burial was in the Mt. Lawn Memorial Gardens.

Surviving are his wife, Doris Greene Teague of the home; his mother, Mrs. Naomi Teague of Boone; two daughters, Mrs. Ruth Arnold, Madisonville, Tenn., and Miss Clara Teague of the home; two sons, Weldon of Cincinnati, Ohio, and J. G. of Cleveland, Ohio; four brothers, Lee, Odell, Riley, and Graham all of Boone; and two grandchildren.



"WEST GLOW"—HOME OF MR. AND MRS. LOUIS J. LUNDEAN

Blowing Rock Tour Of Homes Will Be Friday; Tickets On Sale



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"MISS WATAUGA COUNTY" PERFORMS IN STATE CONTEST

Miss Watauga Places Sixth At Greensboro

Miss Martha Jane Hobgood Hodges, 18, this year's graduate of Appalachian High School, and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John W. Hodges, Jr. of Boone, placed sixth in the North Carolina Beauty Pageant in Greensboro Saturday.

Miss Hodges had been named Miss Watauga County in the Jaycee pageant held here some time ago. Her talent was singing.

Miss Asheville, Maria Beale Fletcher, was crowned Miss North Carolina.

Seventy-five of the State's most beautiful young ladies competed in the contest.

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Mrs. Pritchett On State Board



MRS. LEO PRITCHETT

Mrs. Leo Pritchett of Boone has been appointed by Governor Sanford as a member of the State Recreation Commission.

Mrs. Pritchett, who is administrative assistant to President W. H. Plemons of Appalachian State Teachers College and was a graduate of Carson-Newman College, Jefferson City, Tennessee.

Mr. and Mrs. Ronda Hollars of Orlando, Fla., are spending several weeks in Boone.

A high spot of the social season at Blowing Rock, the annual Tour of Homes, will take place Friday under the sponsorship of the women of St. Mary's of the Hills Episcopal Church.

Four of the finest homes in this area will be open to the public as guided tours are made of "Rock Cliff," the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Easley; "Seven Stories," the Lazon home; "West Glow," owned by Mr. and Mrs. Louis J. Lundean and Mrs. Worth Plyler, and "Silverstone," the home of Dr. and Mrs. H. L. Newton.

The tour will start from the church on Main Street at 12 o'clock noon, continuing throughout the afternoon. Refreshments will be served in the Parish Hall from 12 noon until 6 p. m. Official drivers and cars will make continuous runs between the appointed hours.

Tickets are now on sale and may be obtained at any of the following establishments: Blowing Rock Art Galleries, Fincke-Sobel Art Gallery, Razooski's Dress Salon, Mayview Manor, Green Park Hotel, and Mrs. Elizabeth Bunce and Mrs. R. H. Boulogny. Mrs. John Reineking and Mrs. Pat Robbins will be in charge of the ticket sale at the church Friday. Official cars will be in front of the church, clearly marked.

A brief outline of the homes to be visited follows:

The home of Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Easley, located on Wonderland Trail, is a house with a low pitched roof and sheltered entrance. It has many paneled windows and all the beguiling charm of all the old historic houses so much a part of the English countryside. Clever planning has instituted skillful compromises which have brought time mellowed features into tune with modern times. While the sheltered entrances assure one of a cordial welcome, the pleasant open terrace at the front fairly begs its informal invitation to relax and enjoy the ever-changing view of the shadowy hills and sun-filled valleys.

Hostesses will be Mrs. W. E. Fitch, Mrs. W. E. Hardin, Mrs. Sherman Crater, and Mrs. Harold Throm.

Seven Stories

Symbolically, the number seven often denotes completion or perfection. Through the ages there has always been a charm in the number 7. So, in "Seven Stories" the contemporary home of Dr. and Mrs. Morris Lazon, this is again true. For a visit to "Seven Stories" is truly a step into charming loveliness.

The home is modern, because it is functional, yet it respects the mountain tradition in its fine wood paneling and rock wall fireplace.

The bedrooms, Dr. Lazon's studio (he is a very fine painter), the dining-living room, all overlook the hill folds which terminate themselves in Grandfather Mountain. Hence, all the rooms invite the beauty of the outdoors inside by the use of great windows. The view from these windows is inspirational, and as Mrs. Lazon said, "We built the house, and pointing to the hill, 'that's what the good Lord did.'"

Hostesses at the Lazon home, will be Mrs. James Van Ness, Mrs. Cass Ballinger, Mrs. Gaylord Williams, Mrs. C. Stradley Kipp, Mrs. (continued on page 3, section B)

Loans May Be Secured For New Building

Watauga is one of seven North-west North Carolina counties designated by Commerce Secretary Luther Hodges as redevelopment areas eligible for Federal assistance under the Area Redevelopment Act.

This word came to the Democrat in a telegram from Congressman Hugh Alexander Saturday. Three of the counties are in Mr. Alexander's district.

Counties in this area affected are: Alleghany, Ashe, Avery, Madison, Mitchell, Watauga and Yancey.

The Cherokee Indian Reservation in North Carolina and other Tar Heel counties were selected. They are Graham, Bertie, Gates, Hoke, Hyde and Swain.

Across the nation, Hodges named 468 rural counties and 48 Indian reservations which now are eligible for loans or grants for public and private construction or for workers' retraining.

The area redevelopment program within the Commerce Department after Congress passed President Kennedy's \$394 million bill this year.

Many cities and towns with unemployment problems previously had been selected for assistance. Among them are a few eastern North Carolina communities.

However, Hodges' latest announcement marks the first time rural areas had been designated as eligible for assistance.

Hodges said the areas were selected under a new set of standards established to determine eligible areas. Under the new setup areas of low farm income, other areas of extremely low income, areas of low production farming and counties now under the Agriculture Department's development program will be eligible.

Generally, urban areas which are classified by the Labor Department as areas of "substantial and persistent" unemployment also will be eligible.

Hodges and William L. Batt Jr., area redevelopment administrator, emphasized, however, that an area will not receive aid simply because it is designated as eligible.

Local authorities first must prepare development plans and apply for assistance — usually through state governments.

In North Carolina, Governor Terry Sanford has designated a special assistant to help counties and communities in preparing development plans.

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Farthing Is Reappointed



H. GRADY FARTHING

H. Grady Farthing, President of the Watauga Savings & Loan Association, Boone, has been reappointed by Governor Sanford to the State Stream Sanitation Commission for a six-year term.

Mr. Farthing was first appointed in 1950 by Governor Scott to the Commission which is in charge of pollution abatement in North Carolina streams.

KENNEDY BILL IN ACTION

Watauga Is Designated As Redevelopment Area



SURVEYORS.—The Appalachian State Teachers College campus is surveyed by these summer school students. They are working on field problems in surveying for an applied mathematics course. Left to right are Sarah Arahwyant, Vale; Martha Sue Pendry, Hudson; Bartie Bates, Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.; Harris Devine, Chesterfield, S. C.; James Ervin, Sparta; Harry J. Pappas, Webster, Mass.; Lester Reavis, Yadkinville; John K. Brackett, Shelby; Walter Hawkinson, Boone, instructor; and James Greene, Boone.

William Ross, Leading Horn Actor, Hasn't Missed Single Performance

By JIM JONES

William Ross, a leading member of the cast of "Horn in the West" since its beginning in 1952, holds the leading role of Dr. Geoffrey Stuart in this year's production. Ross returns to the outdoor drama stage as principal actor after two years as play director.

The 37-year-old dramatist holds quite a record in outdoor theatre appearances. In the more than 470 performances of the "Horn" since its opening ten years ago, Ross has never missed a single night's showing. He is the only member of the cast currently without a stand-in who could do the Dr. Stuart part in case there is an accident or sickness.

During the first four years of the drama Ross played the heavy, demanding role of Colonel McKensie, militant, feared leader of the British militia. He then was cast in the leading role of Dr. Stuart until he took over the directorship two years ago. This season Ross is back in his favorite stage role—the British doctor with divided loyalties to the English Crown and the American Colonies.

A native of Morganton and currently a teacher in the public school system in Boone, Ross is a natural on the outdoor stage. His long and varied theatrical experience, clear and outstanding voice, and feel and knowledge of the part of Dr. Stuart combine to make him one of the most valuable assets of the "Horn in the West."

Ross has been active and successful in theatre productions since his early school days in Morganton and his participation ranges from lead roles in community theatre and college plays to minor parts in two motion pictures. He (continued on page 3, section B)

Ray Fox Dies Last Tuesday

Mr. James Ray Fox, 38, passed away suddenly on Tuesday, July 18th at his home in Conover.

Funeral services were held Thursday, July 20th, at 4:00 p. m., at Grace Lutheran Church in Boone, with the Rev. E. F. Troutman officiating. Burial was in the Mt. Lawn Memorial Gardens.

Survivors are his widow, Mrs. Sarah L. Fox of Conover; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Filmore Fox of Boone; one brother, Levern S. Fox of Boone; and one sister, Mrs. Geraldine Craig of Lenoir.

Land Cleared For Ski Slope

Work is progressing on clearing away the timber and undergrowth from the land purchased by the Blowing Rock Ski Lodge, Inc., for the construction of a million dollar winter sports development in the Payne Branch section west of Blowing Rock.

Mr. L. H. Smith, Executive Vice-President of the Corporation, states that he expects grading work to get under way next week, and that construction is expected to proceed at once on the development, which is expected to be open to the public in November.

Two ski runs have been surveyed and lifts, with a ski lodge of 20 rooms, snow manufacturing machinery and other necessary equipment, will be installed.

At least forty people will be required to operate the facility, and the tourist season in Blowing Rock and vicinity will be extended through to February.



THE WAY THEY USED TO RIDE.—Mrs. Jennie Jenkins of Bristol supplied us this picture of the late Mrs. Addie Mast Dula and son Robert, which was taken in the back yard of the Dula home in Lenoir more than fifty years ago. Mrs. Jenkins says Mrs. Dula gave her this picture around the year 1900.