

BOONE WEATHER			
1961	High	Low	6 pm prec.
Aug. 1	80	62	.51
Aug. 2	80	63	.10
Aug. 3	80	63	.19
Aug. 4	71	64	tr.
Aug. 5	78	62	.02
Aug. 6	78	58	.60
Aug. 7	78	58	1.52
Total rainfall—2.64 inches			

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## Opera Stars To Appear In Concert

Banner Elk—Stars from the Metropolitan Opera Company will sing again at Banner Elk and Blowing Rock this summer for the benefit of two of the mountain area's most interesting institutions.

The artists include Miss Beverley Bower, soprano; Miss Joan Wall, mezzo soprano; Calvin Marsh, baritone; and Robert Nagy, tenor, with Stuart Ross as their accompanist.

They will sing at the Anne Bryan Recreation Center in Banner Elk at 8:15 p. m. Friday for the benefit of the endowment fund of the new Charles A. Cannon Jr. Memorial Hospital at Banner Elk.

Their second appearance will be at 11 a. m. Aug. 13 at Rumpel Memorial Presbyterian Church in Blowing Rock for the benefit of the Grandfather Home for Children at Banner Elk.

The benefit performances, sponsored by Mr. and Mrs. Robert G. Hayes of Concord accounted for gifts to the institutions last year totaling \$20,000.

This will be the 43rd annual concert by opera stars at Blowing Rock, continuing a series started in 1918 by the late David Owens of Charlotte and carried on after his death by the Hayeses.

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## Free X-Ray Units Will Arrive Sat.

The mobile unit for free chest X-rays will begin its annual visit to Watauga county on Saturday of this week.

Once again thousands of Watauga county people will have the chance to take advantage of the free X-ray program as a protective measure to uncover any active tuberculosis, lung tumor, some abnormal heart conditions, and many other chest conditions.

As usual the mobile unit will be stationed in various parts of the county and will, by previous arrangements, go to some industrial plants so the employees can easily take advantage of the service which is provided free to everyone.

Boone residents and those of the general public will be served first, as the mobile X-ray unit begins the free service on King street in Boone, Saturday, August 12 and will continue in that location through Thursday, August 24. Special attention is called to the "on the street" daily schedule, Tuesdays through Saturdays, from 10:00 a. m. to 4:00 p. m.

A special unit will serve Blowing Rock and that area August 23, 24, and 25, during the same daily hours.

"TB and other abnormal chest conditions are no respecters of persons or ages. It is important that young people (age 15 and up) and all adults plan for their free chest X-ray, unless they have had an X-ray within the last year."

## Hubert Thomas Is City Clerk

Mr. Hubert Thomas, former Watauga county tax collector, has been appointed Clerk for the town of Boone and assumed his new duties Monday.

Mr. Thomas succeeds Mr. J. E. Joiner, who resigned the position last week.

The new city administration hasn't announced any other changes in the city hall setup.

## Trucking Executive Talks Of Value Of Motor Transportation

"The trucking industry does not receive or expect a free ride—we pay our share. We pay huge highway user taxes, plus the usual business taxes," an industry spokesman said here Tuesday.

Jeff B. Wilson, director of Information and Safety of the North Carolina Motor Carriers Association, was guest speaker at the Chamber of Commerce at a noon luncheon.

Miss Watauga County, Jane Hodges of Boone, was a special guest and was presented by Mr. Joe Nicholson, local radio announcer, who was Miss Hodges' manager at the State Beauty Contest at Greensboro.

Mr. M. E. Thalheimer of the Blowing Rock Ski Lodge, Inc., outlined the new development and said the grading was well under way, with the prospect that the facility will be open to the public early in the fall. He was introduced by Mr. L. H. Smith.

Chamber of Commerce President-Manager Herman W. Wilcox introduced Wilson, who is also editor of the monthly magazine "Tarheel Wheels," immediate past President and Board member of the Southern Safety Conference and International Counselor of Lions International.

In a recent survey between Greensboro and Lexington, Wilson pointed out, "trucks are paying 55.4% of the State's entire bill for construction, maintenance, and administration of this new super-highway—U. S. 29-70."

"And these new super-highways are good business," he added, "for this stretch of 33.3 highway miles is returning an annual profit of \$893,098 to the State of North Carolina. So good super-highways mean more commerce, increased commerce means profit to the State for other less used roads."

Wilson also outlined safety activities conducted by the Motor Carriers Association, including the annual State Truck Roadshow, the "Driver of the Year" program, "Share the Road" campaign, and the N. C. Driver Training School founded by the Association at N. C. State College some 12 years ago.

With reference to the need and use of trucks, Wilson observed that, "serving the public better, quicker and more economically, the trucking industry has advanced to the forefront of American life. This is especially true here in Watauga County where you depend on truck transportation for most everything you eat, wear, use and sell. 'In fact,' Wilson continued, 'the 17 counties of Western North Carolina are truly on the mainline of commerce by truck transportation.'"

He proved his point by comparison, when he said, "this beautiful 17 county area of yours, which embraces a half million people with income of more than \$61 million, is

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JEFF B. WILSON



Representing the cooperative effort of Civitan Club and Appalachian Band in promoting a Pancake Jamboree to raise funds for new band uniforms are, front row (l to r) Edgar Greene and Roy Isley of the Boone Civitan Club, sponsors of the event. Back row (l to r) Elaine Wagner, Jimmy Agle and Ala Sue McGuire, members of the band. Civitan members display a handful of tickets, as band members appeal, with outstretched hands, to all prospective pancake eaters.

## Two-Day Pancake Jamboree To Fatten Local Band Fund

The Appalachian High School marching band, beneficiaries of a huge two-day Pancake Jamboree sponsored by the Boone Civitan Club to provide a Band Uniform Fund, will launch the event with a pre-feast parade, that will embrace a two-town area.

The band will march in parade in Boone, Friday at 9:00 a. m., appearing in parade along Blowing Rock's main street an hour later, at 10:00 a. m. The Pancake Jamboree itself will begin with a Friday Lunch from 11:00 a. m. to 2:00 p. m., followed by supper from 5:00 until 8:00, and will climax with a four hour breakfast Saturday morning from 6:00 until 10:00.

All three meals will be served

in the Appalachian Elementary School cafeteria, and will be served by the joint efforts of the Civitan Club members and band students.

The menu will feature pancakes, sausage, red-eye gravy, syrup, butter and coffee.

Tickets may be purchased from members of the Civitan Club, band students, band parents, or may be bought at the door. Adult tickets will sell for one dollar, student tickets selling for 50c.

An added attraction for the Saturday Breakfast will be an appearance of TV Cowboy personality Fred Kirby, to partake of a pancake breakfast along with townspeople.

## REA Cooperative Will Observe Anniversary

Blue Ridge Electric Membership Corporation is planning to celebrate its twenty-fifth anniversary of service and progress in Northwest North Carolina. The celebration will be climaxed by the Annual Meeting of its membership to be held at Hudson High School, Hudson, September 8, 1961.

The guest speaker for this year's Annual Meeting will be The Honorable L. Y. "Stag" Ballentine, North Carolina Commissioner of Agriculture. Other activities include the nomination and election of a 15-man Board of Directors to govern the Cooperative for the coming year. There are four directors from Caldwell, Watauga, and Ashe Districts and three from Alleghany District. Every member has a vote in the election of the Board of Directors and in this way exercises his rights in the democratic operation of the cooperative enterprise.

The main event of this meeting will be the unveiling of a portrait of Mr. George F. Messick, first manager of Blue Ridge Electric Membership Corporation, known in

the beginning as Caldwell Mutual. The Annual Operating Report for the past year will be given by A. B. Hurt, President of the Board of Directors. There will be entertainment, door prizes, and Silver Anniversary souvenirs for everyone present. A special children's program is planned with games, refreshments, prizes, and fun. Plan now to attend the Silver Anniversary meeting of your Blue Ridge Electric Membership Corporation at Hudson High School, September 9, 1961.

## Jaycees Plan Kleenex Sale

The Boone Jaycees will begin a door-to-door Kleenex Sale Thursday and Friday nights at 6:30. Price of the Kleenex will be \$1.00 for three large boxes.

A total of \$250.00 of the proceeds of the sale will go toward the purchase of a Resuscitator for the

## TEACHERS TO BE ORIENTATED

# School Bells To Ring For 4,000 Local Youngsters

## Pupils Must Report For Work Aug. 24

Teachers in the Watauga County Unit will start their 1961-1962 school year on Tuesday, August 22, Superintendent Angell announced today.

The first and second day of work for teachers have been designated as "Teacher Orientation" days. On these days teachers will be orientated on school philosophy, policies, procedures, and requirements; organizational patterns, including schedules; grading systems; distribution to teachers of supplies, equipment, class rolls, textbooks; and issuance of state and local curriculum guides and record books.

The school term opens for children on Thursday, August 24 and has been designated as Teacher-Pupil Orientation Day. On this day all pupils will report to the school for assignment to rooms and classes; for the issuance and procurement of textbooks and supplies; for a review of the daily schedule, and for the assignment of lessons. School buses will begin operation on this date; however, cafeterias will not be open since children will be expected to complete the orientation program by 11:00 a. m. and return home by noon.

Friday, August 25, will be the first full instructional day of the regular 180-day school term.

Principals officially begin duties on Friday, August 11. Principals unofficially must work virtually twelve months in planning, handling transcripts, and interviewing prospective teachers.

"The teachers," states Superintendent Angell, "will work a total of five non-teaching days, three before the term and two next spring, in planning, evaluating and gearing the schools for teaching."

He pointed out that two additional days of extended term were provided by the 1961 General Assembly as part of the improved educational program.

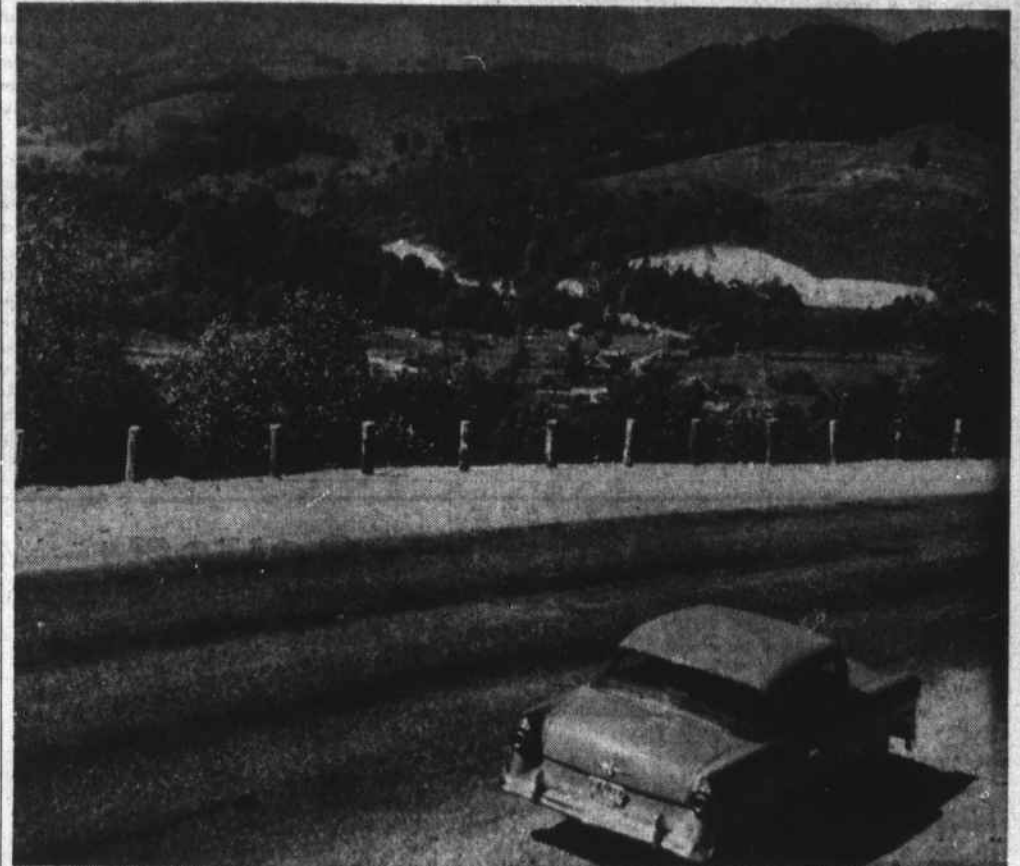
"These non-teaching days will insure 180 days of teaching and will make for an orderly opening and closing of school," Superintendent Angell stated.

The extended term was first granted by the 1959 General Assembly, which provided three days. The marked improvement in education as a result of the action led the State Board of Education to request the two additional days as a part of its program for 1961.

This fall, children will receive books, begin to study, and be assigned homework on the first day of school. No longer is it necessary to spend precious time in getting organized as was the case before 1959.

The following teachers and principals have been employed to staff the Watauga County Schools during the 1961-62 school term:

Appalachian High School  
Dr. Roy R. Blanton, principal; Lera B. Randall, Margaret Gragg, Elizabeth Elliott, Katie Jane Peterson, William C. Ross, Verlin O. Coffey, Betty Jean Hughes, J. Eugene Wilson, Jr., Steve Gabriel, Walter Broyhill, Robert E. Snead, George Kirsten, Mary L. Schell, Jack W. Groce, Harlan Ledford, Verna Louise Hurd, Kathleen Dougherty, R. L. Tait, Doris Jones.  
Appalachian Elementary School  
John T. Howell, principal; Gaynelle Wilson, Jessie Pease, Edward Black, Velma Cottrell, Elizabeth Putnam, Mary High, Ennis Davis, Ella Beshears, Jane Robinson, Leafyelle Broome, Bess Crawford, Ruby Lanier, Clyde Goodman, Grace Buckland, John Foster, Elizabeth Randall, Louise Horton, Robert Blazier, Earl Pezrey, Carl Day, Mary Hamby, Robert W. Ramsey, Ruth Laxton.  
Green Valley Elementary School  
John D. Marsh, principal; Eliza (Continued on page two, sec. C)



TRAVELERS VIEW SCENES LIKE THESE FROM MOUNTAIN HIGHWAYS

## ASC Elections Set For Sept. 11

The Watauga ASC County Committee has announced that the 1961 ASC Community Committee elections will be held in the various communities on September 11, 1961. These elections will be held by the present community committees for each community.

The ten designated community boundaries are the same as they have been for the past several years. Any farmer who is not certain in which community he resides should contact the local ASCS office for this information. Each farmer will be notified later of his community and the list of nominees for whom he may vote.

The Community Committee for each community will be in charge of nominations. However, upon a petition of ten eligible voters, in any one community, one or more persons who are eligible and willing to serve may be named as nominees. These petitions must be filed at the ASCS office which will forward them to the community committee chairman of the community for which they are to be considered. The closing date for filing these petitions is August 21.

## Masons Plan Annual Picnic

The Masonic and Eastern Star Picnic will be held Sunday, August 13, at 5 p. m., at the Horn in the West picnic area.

The picnic, long a tradition in local Masonic circles, will be a covered dish affair, but beverages will be supplied by Snow Lodge.

Masons and their entire families are invited to take part in the picnic.

## Miss Watauga Is Lions Club Guest

The Lions had as their guest the beautiful and charming Miss Watauga County, Miss Jane Hodges, and her mother, Miss Hodges told the Lions of her many activities during the week of the beauty pageant.

In addition, the Lions were entertained and informed by Lion A. R. Smith of the activities of the Lions International Convention. This event at Atlantic City was quite a spectacle with parades, singers, and dancers. The highlight of the meeting, said Lion Smith, was the speech by Pearl Buck.

## Regional Workshop To Be Held By Teachers Of Singing

The National Association of Teachers of Singing will hold its annual Regional Workshop on the campus of ASTC, August 13 thru 18.

Registration will be from 4:00 p. m. to 8:00 p. m., Sunday, August 13 in the lobby of the Fine Arts Building.

Attendance at the meetings is open to all who are interested in the Art of Singing. Classes and concerts are scheduled throughout the day and evenings.

Those wishing to attend may register for the entire week, by the day, or for individual classes that hold special appeal.

The opening event will be an informal reception in the Choral room of the Fine Arts Building at eight o'clock Sunday evening.

The workshop faculty includes many names of teachers and artists who are recognized nationally and internationally among whom are: Harvey Ringel, Chicago Musical College and Roosevelt University, Chicago; John Toms, Northwestern University, Evanston, Ill.; Walter Golde, Chapel Hill, N. C.; Radiana Pazmor, Florence, S. C.; De Koster, Holland, authority on German, French, and Dutch music; Frederick Schauwecker, Concert accompanist and authority on the art of accompanying.

Other outstanding faculty of this region are Joel Carter, Richard Cox, Geraldine Cate, Betty Jane Grimm, Donald McCorkle, Paul Peterson, Walter James, James Blanchard, Elwood Keister, Arnold Putman, and Virginia Linney, S. S. Regional Governor.

Special emphasis of the Workshop will be placed on Pedagogy and Performance, under which heading will be the teen-age and high school voice student, lecture and demonstration; the college voice student, lecture and demonstration; the professional singer, lecture and demonstration; language classes including common errors in German, French and Italian diction; and the art of accompanying.

Special features of the week will be a concert on Monday night at 8:30 o'clock in the Auditorium of the Fine Arts Building by Miss Kay Griffel, national winner of the NATS Singer of the Year Award. Tuesday night will be highlighted with a concert at the Country Club in Blowing Rock at 8:30, featuring NATS Singers who have established reputations in the concert and operatic fields.

Performers in this concert will be John Toms, tenor; Joel Carter,

baritone; Betty Jane Grimm, mezzo soprano; Walter James, tenor; and a duet by Kay Griffel and her teacher, John Toms.

This concert is being sponsored by Mayor R. B. Hardin and the Blowing Rock Rotary Club, and is a benefit performance for the Children's Recreation Center of Blowing Rock. Tickets are on sale now at the Music Office of Fine Arts Building, the Carolina Pharmacy and Boone Drug Company in Boone; Walker Pharmacy, Blowing Rock Art Gallery, Fincke-Sobel Art Gallery, Village Shop, and Blowing Rock Sundries in Blowing Rock. The price of tickets is \$2.00.

Director of the NATS Workshop is Paul Peterson, Salem College, Winston-Salem, with Joel Carter, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, and Virginia Wary Linney, ASTC, Boone, assisting committee.

## Investigate Strange Death Brenda Perry

The State Bureau of Investigation is assisting local Sheriff's officers in an investigation into the death of Brenda Sue Perry, 15 years old, of Sugar Grove, N. C., which occurred early Sunday morning following a sudden illness.

Richard E. Kelley, County Coroner, said that the Perry girl had returned to the home Sunday evening after a short absence, and soon thereafter complained of severe abdominal pains. Her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Woodrow Perry, started to the hospital with her at about 1 a. m. but she died before her arrival in Boone.

Coroner Kelley, who stated the girl died of abdominal hemorrhaging, sent the body to Lenoir for an autopsy, and a report on the examination is expected by him on Wednesday or Thursday.

Funeral services were held Monday afternoon at Pleasant Grove Baptist Church by Rev. James Kisselburg and Rev. R. C. Eggers, and burial was in the church cemetery.

Surviving are the parents, one brother and four sisters: James Perry, Salt Lake City; Mrs. Lorraine Huffman, Winston-Salem; Mrs. Lois Aldridge, Hickory; Misses Shirley and Joan Perry of the home.