

BOONE WEATHER			
1961	High	Low	6 pm. prec.
Aug. 8	77	60	73
Aug. 9	78	61	69
Aug. 10	75	59	67
Aug. 11	80	63	78
Aug. 12	77	66	69
Aug. 13	75	58	66
Aug. 14	71	47	68
Total rainfall—52 inch.			

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## Parkway Anniversary Will Be Observed Friday At Waterrock

### Mrs. Winkler Funeral Held

Mrs. Annie Reid Winkler of Blowing Rock died August 12. She was 77 years of age. Funeral services were conducted by the Rev. Carlton G. Coxe August 13 at 3:00 p. m. in Blowing Rock Baptist church. Burial was in the Reform church cemetery. She is survived by her sister, Mrs. Louise Reid of Drexel and by her brother, Elijah Reid of Blowing Rock.

### New Estates Aho Mountain

Panorama Estates is the name of the newest mountain-top residential development in the Boone-Blowing Rock area, and is being promoted by Mr. L. E. Dimmette of Lenoir and Blowing Rock, President of the Dimmette Realty Corporation.

Situated on Aho mountain, just off the Blue Ridge Parkway, the 100-acre development is five miles northeast of Blowing Rock and about the identical distance from Boone, and Mr. Dimmette believes it will be the most scenic development in western North Carolina.

Sixty-foot wide streets are being paved in the development, and future plans call for the construction of a lake and recreational area on the property. The development is reached from the Blue Ridge Parkway, which is traveled to Aho. A sign on the old store building directs visitors to the top of the mountain.

### Farm Families Make Annual Tour

The Unit Test Demonstration farm families of Watauga county visited the Upper Mountain Research Station and Northwest Trading Post on their annual out-of-county tour August 8.

### Davant Speaks To Rotarians

The Rotary Club of Boone held its regular meeting on Thursday, August 10, with Dr. Charles Davant, Jr., of Blowing Rock, as guest speaker. Dr. Davant, a member of the county school board, spoke on the topic of: "A Consolidated High School For Watauga County." In his address, he cited many examples of the need for an expanded high school physical plant. He stressed the fact that by having one large high school, centrally located, a better education could be offered each pupil in the county.

The next meeting of the Rotary Club will be a picnic for Rotarians and their families. The picnic will be held on Winklers Creek.

By MIRIAM RABB

Until the newest and highest sections of the Blue Ridge Parkway were completed recently, few people had ever seen the legendary four-state views from North Carolina's Waterrock Knob.

Now, at Waterrock parking overlook where the 25th anniversary of the Blue Ridge Parkway will be observed August 18, these views are accessible to everyone with a yen for sky-driving over a magnificent engineered highway.

The overlook is 5,820 feet above sea level. It's the highest point on the 407 miles of Parkway open for vacation motoring between Shenandoah National Park in Virginia and the meeting place of the Parkway and the Great Smoky Mountains National Park near Cherokee, North Carolina.

Waterrock is not only high; the entire mountain seems to have been located for grandstand views of the surrounding country. The spacious overlook, a grassy mall surrounded by paved access road and parking areas, is designed to show off those views.

It is, as they say in the North Carolina mountains, "a place where you can see from here to yonder."

To the west and south are the Great Smokies, the Nantahalas and

### ASC Group Has Meeting

The meeting of ASC community committeemen held in the courthouse last Wednesday was well attended. Twenty-six of the thirty committeemen from the ten communities were present.

The morning session was devoted to a discussion of the various ASCS programs with special emphasis on securing further participation in the Agricultural Conservation Program. Since that time through the efforts of the committeemen 54 new farms have been added. It is expected that the goal of 272 farms will be reached before the drive is over.

The afternoon session was devoted to formulating plans for the coming ASC committee elections to be held on September 11. Each community committee will accept petitions signed by 10 or more eligible voters naming persons who are eligible and willing to serve as nominees for community committeemen in their communities. These petitions are to be filed at the ASCS office by August 21. The Community Committee will complete and announce a complete slate of nominees by August 25.

Since committeemen themselves are conducting the election this year it is expected that a much larger number of voters than usual will turn out to vote.

other ranges. To the east, are the Pisgahs. All these are seen across the deep green slopes and peaks of the neighboring Balsam Mountains. In the distance on a clear day, portions of Tennessee, Georgia and South Carolina are visible.

Waterrock Knob rises to 6,292 feet in the heavily forested Great Balsam Mountains which form a massive land bridge between the Great Smokies Divide and the Pisgah Ledge in North Carolina's "Land of the Sky." Before the Parkway began to cross over that bridge, there were no motor roads along the crest of the Balsams. Above the "gaps" were major highways penetrate the range, there (continued on page eight)

### Rites Held For Miss Ray, 89

Miss Sallie Ray, 89 years old, died last Thursday after an extended illness.

Funeral services were conducted Saturday at 2 o'clock at the Boone Methodist Church by the pastor, Rev. Preston Hughes, who was assisted in the rites by Rev. J. K. Parker, Jr., of the Presbyterian Church. Burial was in the Ray cemetery.

A daughter of the late J. C. Ray and Mrs. Ray, Miss Ray had spent her entire life in this vicinity. She had formerly taught in the public schools of Watauga county. She is survived by a brother and a sister, David Ray and Miss Lelia Ray, both of Boone.

### Wilkes Dam Work Goes On

North Wilkesboro.—Despite frequent showers, construction of the Wilkesboro Flood Control Dam on the Yadkin is proceeding on schedule.

Men and machines are now laying the earth dam across the old river bed and the concrete conduit which is carrying the flow of the river.

The earth dam should be completed by September 17. The first phase of clearing trees from the permanent reservoir area has been completed. This consisted of clearing the banks of the river above the dam site and in the area which will be permanently flooded.

Second phase of clearing will remove trees from all the area to be covered by the permanent lake including tributary stream banks. Meanwhile, construction of the concrete control dam on the upstream side of the dam is continuing on schedule, with the tower going up about eight feet each week.

## Membership Reaches 342; Sets Record

The Board of Directors of the Blowing Rock Chamber of Commerce held their regular monthly meeting Thursday evening, when activities of the Chamber of Commerce for the year were reviewed. Mrs. Helen B. Clear, the secretary, reported that so far the Chamber of Commerce has had the best year in its history—since it was organized in 1926. Mrs. Clear reported a total membership of 342—the greatest enrollment in its history; that the office has distributed over 75,000 pieces of literature to the travelling pub-

## Reynolds Gets Ski Contract

L. A. Reynolds Construction Co. has been awarded the grading contract for the ski slopes, buildings and lakes for Blowing Rock's Winter sports development, according to word from L. H. Smith, Executive Vice-President of the corporation. The work has been started and should be completed within a month, Mr. Smith says. Present plans are to have the facilities in operation by November 1, and certainly no later than December 1, depending upon existing weather conditions. The Blowing Rock area is receiving nationwide publicity as a result of this project.

lic and through other media such as hotels, Chambers of Commerce, and travel agencies. The most popular seems to be the Guide which is published annually and which contains the names and addresses of the members. This figure is for the first seven months of 1961, and the total distribution for the year will run as high as 90,000 pieces.

The Blowing Rock Chamber of Commerce office is kept open each day from nine in the morning until ten at night for the convenience of the public.

During the month of June 573 persons visited the office seeking information about our general area—during the month of July there were 1288 visitors, and for the first ten days of August, 638 visitors. In one day in August 160 persons visited the office seeking information and assistance as to locations, directions, literature and general information about the attractions in the area. This is an all-time record for number of visitors in any one day.

Mrs. Clear has served in the capacity of general hostess at many of the conventions held in Blowing Rock this summer, which phase of the operation of the Chamber of Commerce has been the subject of much favorable comment.

The Chamber of Commerce promoted winter activities for the area, and was directly responsible in interesting outside capital to organize Blowing Rock Ski Lodge, Incorporated, which expects to have ski slopes in operation before the end of the year.

## Grover Atkins Dies In Mich.

Grover Atkins, 70 years old, retired lumberman and a native of Watauga county, died at Pontiac, Mich. August 2.

Funeral services were held in Pontiac on August 4th and interment was in that city. Surviving are the widow and four children.

Mr. and Mrs. James B. Mast spent the week end in Tennessee and Virginia visiting points of interest. On Saturday night they saw the play, "Send Me No Flowers," at the Barter Theatre in Abingdon, Virginia.

## SPONSORS SKI PROJECT

# Blowing Rock Chamber Has Best Year In History

## Man, Daughter Hurt In Accident



PHOTO BY FLOWERS' PHOTO SHOP

WRECK—Picture shows how side of car was cut off car driven by Clarence Clyde Leonard, of Route 1, Hickory, when it crashed into road roller at intersection of old U. S. 421 and new 421, Thursday night.

A man and his four-year-old daughter, of Route 1, Hickory, were injured Thursday night when their car ran through a barricade and into a heavy piece of road machinery near Vilas. Time of the accident was 9:50 o'clock. Clarence Clyde Leonard, who was driving a car owned by his father, Lawrence Clyde Leonard, of the same address, had lacerations and spent the night in Watauga Hos-

pital, where he was carried following the accident. His daughter, Barbara Ann, received a broken leg, lacerations, and bruises, and is in the hospital.

Patrolman George E. Baker, who investigated the accident, said the car was traveling west on 421. It ran through the wooden barricade and into a road roller that was being used to block the road where old U. S. 421 and new 421 inter-

sect. The roller, which was said to weigh 10 tons, was moved approximately a foot by the impact. One side of the car was cut off, Patrolman Baker said.

The investigating patrolman said Leonard passed seven warning signs telling of the barricade, before crashing into it. He charged Leonard with reckless driving.

## Chest X-Ray Service Continues At Boone, B. Rock To 24th

### Kennedy Signs Parkway Bill

Washington—A bill authorizing a \$35,000 appropriation for a survey of a proposed national parkway in North Carolina and Georgia was signed Friday by President Kennedy.

The proposed parkway would extend from a point on the Blue Ridge Parkway in southwestern North Carolina southwesterly for 170 miles toward Atlanta.

It would pass by Whiteside Mountain, highest granite cliff in the East, and several scenic waterfalls, including Bridal Veil, Cullasaja, Toxaway, Dry Falls and White Water.

The bill was sponsored by Rep. Roy A. Taylor, D-N.C.

### Phone Workers Get Vital Kits

811 Southern Bell Telephone employees have been furnished with a Civil Defense Family and Home Survival Kit, according to H. M. Inabinet, Manager of Southern Bell. The kits have been discussed and it was suggested that employees prepare their home and family to meet any emergency.

These kits contain vital information and facts pertaining to shelters, fall out, emergency food and water supplies, fire fighting and first aid.

The manager said that self-protection is the individual's responsibility, and the kit will assist our employees in making personal plans for the protection of themselves and their families in event of an enemy attack.

It is the responsibility of telephone people, in time of disaster, to restore and maintain communications. Assurance that one's family has adequate protection for survival will make the job of restoration much easier should the occasion ever arise.

Mrs. Roscoe Caudill suffered a broken arm in a fall at her home Thursday.

Special visits to industrial plants by the X-ray mobile unit were completed last week.

The free chest X-ray service will continue on King Street in Boone through August 24. The unit will be open Tuesdays through Saturdays during the hours of 10:00 a. m. to 4:00 p. m. to serve those of Watauga County who have not had a chest X-ray in the past year or have never had an X-ray, if they are age 15 or older.

If anyone has any fear of the chest X-ray, Dr. Walter C. Alvarez, retired consultant of the Mayo Clinic, has this assurance for them. "I myself received an over dose of X-rays back in 1907, when we doctors were not as careful as we should have been. . . Certainly, my children and grandchildren have shown no handicaps that I can blame on my early X-ray experience. The very small amount of X-ray exposure that one gets today when one has films made of the chest. . . would appear to be harmless." The eminent physician, Dr. Walter C. Alvarez continued, "I have so little fear of X-rays that every year I go and have my teeth, my chest, my stomach and my colon X-rayed. It is important to get this type of X-ray work done every year."

The figures show that Tuberculosis claims one American life every 50 minutes. During the mobile unit visit to Watauga County do take advantage of the free chest X-ray because it does offer peace of mind or directed action against tuberculosis, lung tumor, some heart conditions and many other abnormal chest conditions.

## Burley Is Planted On 1600 Farms In County This Year

A tabulation just completed by the ASCS office shows that out of 1643 burley tobacco allotment farms in the county, tobacco was planted this year on 1600 farms. 809.03 acres was planted on the total allotted acreage of 835.47 acres. 43 farms with an allotted acreage of 10.72 acres failed to plant any tobacco. Of the number of farms with no

The chest X-ray is free at the mobile unit on King Street in Boone on days shown above or in Blowing Rock on Main Street August 23, 24 and 25.

## Armfield New ASTC Trustee

Lenoir—Claude C. Armfield Jr., senior vice president and trust officer of the First Union National Bank of North Carolina, has been appointed by Gov. Terry Sanford to an eight-year term as a trustee of Appalachian State Teachers College, Boone.

In naming Armfield, Gov. Sanford said he was "very happy to have a man of Claude Armfield's capabilities on the board of trustees of this college which is so important not only to Northwest North Carolina but to the entire state."

Louis A. Dysart of Lenoir, senior vice president of the First Union National Bank, is completing an eight-year term on the ASTC Board of Trustees. Another member of the board, Mrs. J. E. Broyles of Lenoir has a term which continues to 1967.

## Fish Fry Friday

The Holy Cross Episcopal Church will sponsor a fish fry at the Mission School dining hall, Valle Crucis, Friday at 6:30.

The proceeds from an admission charge of \$1.50 and 75 cents will be used for church purposes.

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tobacco planted, Beaver Dam community had 1 farm; Brusky Fork, 8; Cove Creek, 3; Laurel Creek, 2; Meat Camp, 11; New River, 8; North Fork, 1; Shawneeshaw, none; Stony Fork, 1; and Watauga, 8. Various other farms in the county had a total underplanted acreage of 35.72 acres. 15 percent of the total number of farms planted in excess of their allotment, however, no farm remained in excess.