

BOONE WEATHER			
1961	High	Low	8 pm prec.
Sept. 12	81	56	70
Sept. 13	75	56	67
Sept. 14	70	61	61
Sept. 15	62	49	51
Sept. 16	64	39	53
Sept. 17	61	38	54
Sept. 18	57	44	55
Total rain—13.45			

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PART OF THE RECORD FRESHMAN CLASS RELAX IN FRONT OF ADMINISTRATION BUILDING AT COLLEGE

670 Students At Elementary School Pose Safety Problem For Officials

With an enrollment of 670 students the elementary school has a safety problem this year.

The mayor and town officials have been very cooperative in making it as safe as possible around the school for your children.

Before school opened the town officials came down and marked off the streets with yellow lines and repaired the hard surface around the school building for safety purposes.

College Street has been designated as a one way street especially during school hours. There will be no parking on either side of the street in front of the elementary school as this creates a hazard to your child's safety. It is hoped that all patrons and college students will observe these rules.

Cars found in the yellow lined areas will be given traffic violation tickets by the police department. The elementary school will not open until 7:45 each morning.

when the first pupil arrives. Pupils in town need not arrive until 8:30 each morning. Bus children will be cared for in the auditorium.

Parents who bring their children each morning should unload in front of the building. Those who come for their children in the afternoons should pick them up in front of the elementary school.

Parents are especially requested not to use the street between the elementary school and the Baptist Church as the buses must use this area for loading and unloading. Cars in this area will cause congestion.

At the present time the school is in the process of organizing a school safety patrol under the leadership of Mr. Robert Ramsey. It is hoped that the parents and students will be considerate of what the safety patrol members are trying to do in and near the building, and will give them their cooperation.

The children are urged to use the newly painted cross-walks near the school so that they will have added protection from traffic. The children should obey all traffic rules while coming to school to further insure their safety.

Parents are requested to advise children who are waiting for buses not to stand too near the highway. The officials of the college, Mr. Dougherty, Mr. Seward, and Mr. Marsh have surrounded the playground with a fence to make it safer. Mr. Tom Winkler swept off the playground for added safety.

The cooperation of the public and their consideration for the children for safety sake will be greatly appreciated.

Deep Gap Man Is Burned In Crash

North Wilkesboro.—James Boyd Atkins, 30, of Deep Gap, burned to death in a wrecked automobile 15 miles west of here on old U. S. Highway 421, about midnight Sunday.

Atkins died in the flaming wreckage of a 1956 model car which left the highway and plunged down a bank on what has become known as "Dead Man's Curve" because of many fatalities there over a period of 25 years.

The report of the accident by State Highway Patrolman W. L. Garrison stated the car was owned and driven by Mrs. Dempsey Brooks Phillips, 26, of Jonesville, formerly of Deep Gap.

With her in the front seat was her husband, Joseph James Phillips, and Connard Curtis Atkins, 27, of Deep Gap. In the back seat, she was quoted as saying, was James Boyd Atkins.

The car, headed west, failed to make the curve on the old highway, proceeded 150 feet parallel to the highway, struck rocks and trees, made a complete spin, and the rear of the car crashed into a tree down a 30-foot embankment and about 20 feet from water

in Lewis Fork Creek. The wreckage stopped headed in the opposite direction from the way the car was traveling before it left the pavement.

Joseph James Phillips and Connard Curtis Atkins were thrown from the wreck. Atkins had facial lacerations and a back injury. Phillips had facial lacerations.

Mrs. Phillips had multiple lacerations and bruises and was suffering from shock.

A passing motorist flagged on U. S. Highway 421 notified officers and an ambulance in North Wilkesboro at 2 a. m. Monday.

Patrolman Garrison said he arrived shortly after 2 a. m., at which time the completely burned wreck was cold, indicating an elapse of about two hours after it burned.

The charred remains of James Boyd Atkins were in the back portion of the burned wreck, under what was left of the rear seat cushion.

Wilkes Coroner M. W. Green, Jr., said Atkins apparently was injured to such an extent that he was unconscious or disabled from

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Over 200,000 Visit Parkway In August

James River, Va., (Mile 0 to 115)—Visitors this month, 164,385; Visitors same month last year, 156,039.

Rocky Know, Va., (Mile 115 to 217)—Visitors this month, 163,490; Visitors same month last year, 165,523.

Bluffs, N. C., (Mile 217 to 305)—Visitors this month, 215,344; Visitors same month last year, 174,822.

Asheville, N. C., (Mile 305 to 409)—Visitors this month, 410,231; Visitors same month last year, 397,562.

Total visitors this month—953,400; Total visitors same month last year, 893,946.

visitors to date. Calendar Year 1960—3,645,222 visitors to date.

Calendar Year 1961 compared with Calendar Year 1960, increase 13.8%.

This month compared with same month last year, increase 6.6%. Total number of visitors is figured on basis of 3.3 persons per vehicle.

A total of 215,544 visitors were counted on the Bluff District (Virginia and North Carolina state line to Bescon Heights Mile Post 305) during the month of August. This was an increase of 27.2 percent over the same month last year.

A. B. Hurt, 70, REA Prexy, Dies Suddenly

West Jefferson, Sept. 18—Albert Burman Hurt, 70, of West Jefferson, superintendent of Ashe County schools and president of the Blue Ridge Electric Membership Corp., died unexpectedly yesterday morning at his home after suffering a heart attack.

Mr. Hurt had been president for several years of the electric co-op which serves several counties in this area including Ashe, Alleghany, Watauga and Caldwell counties and has its headquarters at Lenoir.

He was serving his ninth two-year term as superintendent of Ashe schools.

He was born in Floyd County, Va., to Monroe T. and Rosa Belle Dulaney Hurt. He received an A.B. degree from Bridgewater College of Virginia and an M.A. from the University of North Carolina.

Mr. Hurt was a teacher and principal at Nathan's Creek High School for 16 years. He was also head of the schools in Christiansburg, Va. two years and was appointed by the governor of Virginia to serve on a special commission to revise the curriculum of the state's schools.

Mr. Hurt held a life membership in the North Carolina Education Association which was presented to him by the teachers of Ashe County. He was a member of the Jeffersons Rotary Club. He was a Methodist.

Surviving are the widow, Mrs. Ruth Cox Hurt; one daughter, Mrs. Walter Bauguess of Fort Worth, Tex.; two sons, Joseph C. Hurt of Baltimore, Md., and A. B. Hurt Jr. of Nashville, Tenn.; and three sisters, Mrs. Ollie Scaggs and Mrs. Roy Thompson both of Roanoke, Va., and Mrs. Clyde Semones of Christiansburg, Va.

The funeral was conducted at 3 p. m. Tuesday at Nathan's Creek Methodist Church by the Rev. P. E. Bingham.

Thos. Wilson Funeral Held

Thomas Lafayette Wilson, 61-year-old farmer of the Silverstone community, died September 13, after a period of declining health.

Funeral services were conducted September 16 at 2:00 p. m. in the Pleasant Grove Baptist church, by the Rev. James Kesselbury and the Rev. E. O. Gore. Burial was in Miller cemetery.

He is survived by two sisters, Mrs. Iva Lee Greer Wilson; two sisters, Mrs. Charlie Perry, Vilas and Miss Ethel Wilson, Cleveland, Ohio; two brothers, Albert of Sugar Grove, and William D. Wilson, Cleveland, Ohio.

Mr. Wilson had spent many years in connection with the Soil Conservation Program in Watauga county.

He was a son of Asa Wilson and Lucinda Holzclaw Wilson.

MRS. BROCKMAN A VISITOR
Mrs. Zoe Kincaid Brockman, columnist for the Gastonia Gazette, is spending two weeks as a guest at the Daniel Boone Hotel.

Rites Held For Mrs. A. A. Klutz

Blowing Rock—Mrs. Daniel A. Klutz Sr., 78, of Sunset Drive, Blowing Rock, died Friday at her home.

Mrs. Klutz was born in Watauga County to John Patient Williams and Louise West Williams. Surviving are a daughter, Mrs. J. J. Tammell of Columbia, S. C.; four sons, W. Harry and Frank Klutz, both of Boone, Howard M. Klutz of Washington, D. C., and Daniel A. Klutz Jr. of Blowing Rock; a brother, Allen Williams of Maiden; eight grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

The funeral was conducted at 3 p. m. Sunday at Ruple Memorial Presbyterian Church here by the Rev. A. Blake Brinkerhoff. Burial was in the Associate Reformed Church cemetery.

CALCULATORS SPEED SYSTEM

2,885 Students Enroll To Set ASTC Record

IBM Machines Classify Data For First Time

A record enrollment of 2885 students was processed and classified by a new IBM data processing system at Appalachian State Teachers College during fall registration.

The IBM machines classified this number into 1564 returning upper classmen and graduate students, 151 upper classmen and graduate transfer student, 941 freshmen, and an additional 9 graduates registered for Saturday classes. The number of students registered in the Extension Division is not known at this time but is estimated by Dr. J. B. Harris, assistant registrar, to push the total figure well over three thousand.

The new system, according to Dr. Harris, was installed at the college in late spring of the 1960-61 school year. During the summer each of Appalachian's more than 35,000 former and present students were assigned an identification number to facilitate prompt handling of all past student records.

The amount and type of information that the IBM data processing equipment can handle is almost unlimited; its chief limitation being the lack of information available on former students.

The machines can classify all new students as to sex, race, marital status, service record, standing in class, religion, country, state, county, town, high school, and any other important information. It gives information concerning in many and all tests given the student on entering the college, and keeps an accumulative record of all courses the student may take, and makes out a series of report cards at the end of each quarter.

Commenting on the future of the IBM system here at Appalachian Dr. Harris pointed out that the system could be applied not only to registration but also to business matters and especially to research problems.

Hereford Show, Sale To Be Held

The nineteenth annual Watauga Hereford Association show and sale will be held Saturday, October 7th.

The members feel fortunate in securing the services of Hon. Robert S. Orr of Dryden, Va. as judge of the show.

Mr. Orr, a member of the Virginia House of Delegates, is also a leading cattleman in that State. He is a former President of the Virginia Hereford Association and at present is president of the Tri-State Hereford Association. He has judged in many major shows throughout the country, and local Hereford leaders are looking forward to his visit to Watauga county.

Red China hails Soviet nuclear test move.

Appalachian Old Grads Will Get Together Before Grid Encounter

Asheville's Buck's Restaurant has been reserved as get-together headquarters for alumni and friends of Appalachian State Teachers College before the Mountaineers tangle in their big game with Western Carolina Saturday night (September 23) in the tourist city.

Dr. Hugh Daniel, Jr., a Waynesville optometrist who is president of the western ASTC alumni district, and Gene Wike, Asheville sports store owner, will play host to the college supporters. They invite all Appalachian old-grads and friends to dine together and renew old acquaintances before going to the game which begins at 8 p. m. in Memorial Stadium.

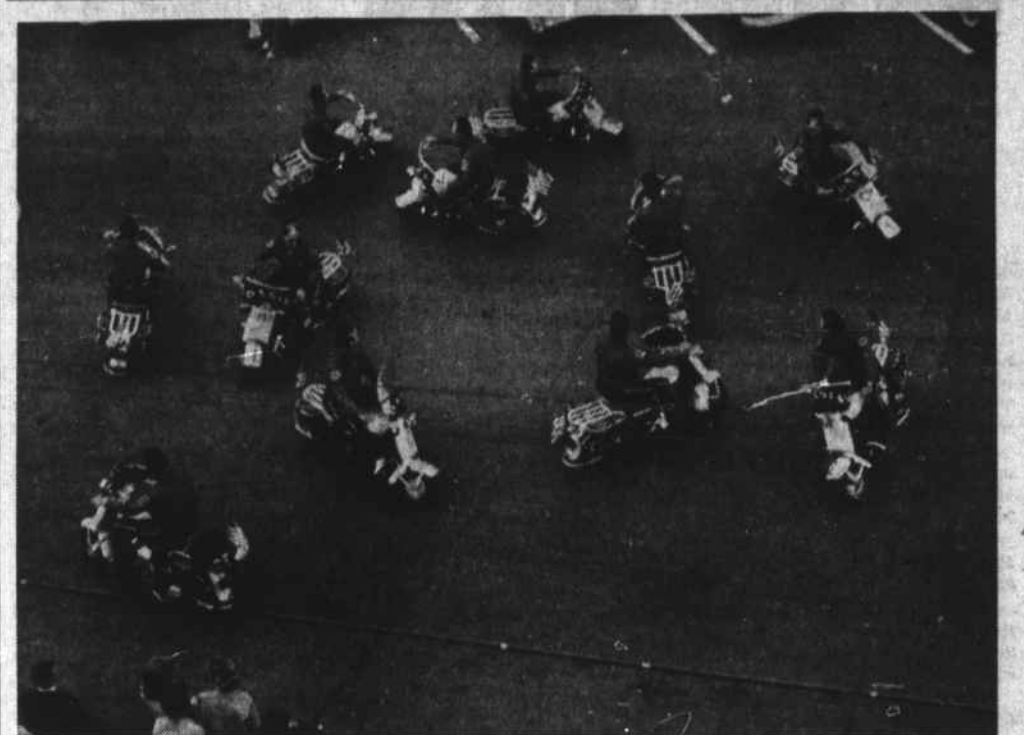


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PARADE.—This group of Shriners, from Asheville, attracted considerable attention, as they motorcycled in the parade Saturday. About 250 western North Carolina Shriners took part in the Boone parade.

More Than 1,000 Cast Ballots In ASC Community Elections

Frost Hits Watauga

Frost was noted in some sections of the county early Saturday morning, according to reports. No heavy damage was reported, however.

The frost followed a cool Friday when the temperature failed to go any higher than 62 degrees, according to weather reports kept by Joe Minor, local U. S. weather observer. During the night, the thermometer dipped to 39 degrees.

The Friday's cooler air was helped by a strong wind most of the day and into the night.

The somewhat sudden change in temperature was preceded on Tuesday by 81 degrees, just one degree under the hottest weather of the season. The temperature reached 82 degrees several days during the summer at the observation tower, but failed to go any higher. The temperature has remained cool since Friday, with the lowest point being Saturday night at 38 degrees.

Rain fell most of the afternoon Monday, and was still falling late Tuesday afternoon. A total of 2.02 inches had fallen at 6 p. m. Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Boone and sons, Steve and David Jon, of Valdese were week end visitors with Mr. Boone's mother, Mrs. J. A. Boone.



MRS. OLIVE SHULL

Mrs. Shull On Foreign Tour

Mrs. Olive Shull, daughter of Mrs. Francis McGinnis of Route 1, Banner Elk, who is employed in the travel office of the World Bank in Washington, left on the ninth for a World Bank Conference in Copenhagen.

While away she will visit Munich, Vienna, Venice, Rome, Madrid and Lisbon.

The entire trip is being made by air, and Mrs. Shull will have some free time at each point for visiting. She will return home October 8th.

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The results in Monday's ASC community committee election in the ten communities in the county shows a tally of 1072 votes.

Elected chairman, vice-chairman, regular member and two alternates for each community are: Beaver Dam: Howard Cable, Joe Wilson, Lynn Norris, Jake Eggers and Clyde Cornett.

Brushy Fork: Coy Billings, Joe McNeil, A. Y. Howell, Clifford Norris, and S. E. Anderson.

Cove Creek: Jack Henson, Clay Thomas, Audie Presnell, Otto Thomas and M. L. Warren, Jr.

Laurel Creek: Ned Glenn, Frank Cable, Graddon Hagaman, Ben L. Ward and Edgar Harmon.

Meat Camp: Ernest Moretz, Tom R. Jackson, Willard Norris, Alfred McNeil and Clyde Greene.

New River: John Cook, H. E. Brookshire, G. J. Keller, Vance Keller and Shuford Edmisten.

North Fork: Loyd Miller, Claude May, C. R. Wilson, Fred Johnson and Archie Wilson.

Shawneehaw: Arlen Yates, Iris Harmon, Russell Farthing, Willie Rupard and Henry Michael.

Stony Fork: Joe L. Coffey, Sr., Wiley B. Day, M. D. Brown, Thomas Fairchild and Joe Wellborn.

Watauga: Jeff Shook, Paul Shepherd, Fred Townsend, Roby Beasley and Ray Clark.

The chairman and vice-chairman of each community are elected to serve as a delegate and alternate to the ASC county convention to be held in the ASCS office on Thursday, September 21, at 10:00 a. m., for the purpose of electing an ASC county committee for the year beginning October 1 and ending September 30, 1962.

This election shows that farmers have an increased interest in the programs administered by county and community committees. For more than twenty-five years most of these programs have assisted farmers in conserving the soil and water resources of their farms, as well as enabling them to receive greater cash returns through price support of certain commodities, incentive payments on wool and for diverting cropland to a conservation use under the feed grain program. Each year more farm programs are initiated in which committees play an important part in their administration.

MAIDEN VISITOR

Dr. J. E. Hodges of Maiden, was a business visitor in Boone Tuesday. A native of Watauga county, Dr. Hodges has been away since 1909, and has lived for the most part in Catawba county.