

1961 BOONE WEATHER				1960—H-L	
High	Low	6 pm	prec.	High	Low
Nov. 28	47	24	28	67	31
Nov. 29	35	18	26	57	31
Nov. 30	55	25	36	38	20
Dec. 1	57	25	35	27	15
Dec. 2	50	29	47	47	9
Dec. 3	57	43	45 .14		
Dec. 4	57	48	51		
Dec. 5	57	48	51		
Total rainfall—			14 inch.		



AS FAR AS ONE COULD SEE—THE CROWDS WAITED IN THE RAIN FOR BOONE'S BIGGEST EVENT, THE CHRISTMAS PARADE.

## PLANS MADE FOR NEXT YEAR

# Rain Fails To Dampen Ardor Of Parade Throngs

### Christmas Opening Event Makes Record

Untold thousands of men, women and children, stood on Boone's rain-washed King Street late Saturday to watch the big parade, bringing in the Christmas season, which reached its climax with merry old Santa Claus passing out the goodies to the little children, tousle-headed and wet, who'd waited in the incessant rain for the jolly old gentleman from the regions of bitter cold and warm hearts.

Mayor Brown switched on the Christmas lights which blazed from the Christmas trees along the street, marking the first time the business district has been well lighted for Christmas for a long time, and the people in the milling throngs were quick to voice their approval.

The parade, which included professionally-constructed floats, and featuring a number of bands, along with Fred Kirby, tv western star, Miss Watauga County, Miss North Carolina, Appalachian High School's championship football team, and many others, was delayed due to the rain, but came through as scheduled.

It is estimated that more than fifteen thousand people were present for the opening events of the Christmas shopping season, far and away the largest crowd to jam the streets of the city within memory.

The decorations and parade were accomplished by a Merchants Association Committee, which is already laying plans for a bigger and even better Christmas opening pageant next year.

Nick Stakias, chairman; George Flowers, parade chairman; Joe McClung, decorations; A. E. McCreary, Charles Isley, Crayte Teague and David Spainhour are being congratulated for their enterprise in providing this gay spectacle to kindle the Christmas spirit in the business neighborhood.



APPALACHIAN COLLEGE CHOIR

### Appalachian Choir To Give Oratorio

The Appalachian State Teachers College Choir of 50 voices will present its annual Christmas music Sunday afternoon, December 10, at 4 o'clock, in the Boone Baptist Church. The choir is under the direction of Mrs. Virginia Wary Linney.

It is the custom of the College Choir to present annually one of the great Christmas Oratorios. This year the choir will alternate with its customary use of Handel's Messiah and will sing the Bach Christmas Oratorio, which like the Messiah, follows closely the scriptural text that deals with the birth of Christ, and the rejoicing that this event brought into the world for all mankind.

Orchestra directed by Dr. Nicholas Erneston will accompany the Oratorio, with Earny Hotard, organist, and Miss Sannie Rae Halstead, pianist. Soloists will be Miss Mary Ann Gunter and Miss Ruth Ann Hartley, sopranos; Miss Jane Wilson, alto; Clinton Parker and Stephen Vaughn, tenors; Toby Burleson and Lowell Dotson, bass.

### Dr. Wilson To Aid Heart Group



DR. H. M. WILSON

Mr. H. M. Wilson has accepted the post of medical representative for the Watauga Heart Council, it was announced this week by Mrs. Carlos DeLima, president of the council.

"We are very pleased that Dr. Wilson will represent the health and medical professions of the council," Mrs. DeLima said. "Since 1928, when the American Heart Association was founded by some of the nation's leading heart specialists, physicians have worked closely with the Heart program."

In accepting his volunteer post, Dr. Wilson pointed out that through the North Carolina Heart Association, an affiliate of American Heart, he can provide members of local health professions with research reports and other medical materials designed to help diagnose and treat the cardiovascular diseases. Physicians may also receive printed information to give their heart patients.

"These booklets," Dr. Wilson said, "deal in simple terms with various heart and blood vessel diseases and are written to reassure the patient and help him cooperate with his physician for his own improvement."

### Funds Sought For Grandfather Home

For a great many years The Watauga Democrat has joined in sponsoring a Christmas fund for the benefit of the little children at the Grandfather Home at Banner Elk.

Year after year the people have generously responded to this appeal, and have seen to it the other-wise homeless ones would have something special for the holidays. This year should be no exception, and the people of the community and county are asked to give to this fund, regardless of other commitments, since the children being cared for there are for the most part, our own mountain people, and therefore constitute a local obligation.

Contributions should be made at once, and may be left at the Watauga Democrat, at the Watauga Savings & Loan Association, with Guy Hunt at Hunt's Department Store, or with W. W. Chester at Belk's Department Store.

## Two Hundred Scouts, Parents Entertained; Awards Are Given

Approximately 200 Boy Scouts, Cubs and parents turned out for the Scout banquet last week at the elementary school cafeteria.

David N. Spainhour presided. The Reverend Preston Hughes said the invocation.

Marcus Cooke reported on "What Scouting means to me." Barry Collins outlined requirements for scout awards.

B. W. Stallings gave a nominating committee report. The committee is composed of David N. Spainhour, chairman; J. B. Robinson, assistant chairman; Barry Collins, Scout executive.

Scout leaders were recognized. They are: Troop 101 (Silverstone) Scoutmaster, Gene Wilson; Troop 131 (Baptist Church) Scoutmaster, J. C. Meekins; and Troop 109

(Methodist Church) Scoutmaster, William Stallard. Cub Scouts (Methodist Church) Cub Master, John Corey.

Den mothers, Mrs. Carl Fidler, Mrs. Hoyle Davison, Mrs. Eugene Brown; Den 2 mothers, Mrs. Arleen Smith; Den 3 mothers, Mrs. Jack Melton and Mrs. Charles Blackburn.

Woodrow Richardson is the outgoing Cubmaster.

Twenty-six Scouts and one Scoutmaster received awards.

Tenderfoot badge went to the following in Troop 101; Larry Sanders, Tim Wilson, Tommy Wilson, Terry Hagaman, Jack Haga-

man, Johnny Lee Wheeler, Larry Dale Isaacs, Michael Perry, A. J. Pennell, Bob Perry, A. F. Isaacs, Jerry Canter, James Ray Wilson, Jerry Perry, Scott Wheeler, Larry Icenhour, Hal Isaacs, Mike Wilson and Scoutmaster Gene Wilson.

Tenderfoot badge went to these Scouts in Troop 131: J. B. Hodges, Joey Danner and Randall Thomas.

Richard Storie of Troop 109 received the tenderfoot badge.

Scouts in Troop 109 were awarded merit badges: Billy Hughes, woodcarving and soil and water conservation; Russel Robinson, cooking; and Frank Hayes, public health.

### Still Seized Last Friday

A 200 gallon capacity still was seized in the Sampson area Friday by Deputy Sheriff, Emmett Oliver, netting 42 gallons of liquor and 14 gallons of mash. Oliver said that a rye and sugar base was being used for the concoction, which was made in a steam outfit with copper condensers. Five hundred gallon jugs stood nearby ready for filling.

Two unidentified men, who were attending the still, escaped, but the condensers were brought in, while everything else was destroyed.

### AHS Band To Present Concert

The Appalachian High School Band is presenting a concert Thursday night December 7th in appreciation of the support they have received in their New Uniform Fund Drive. This concert will be held in the Elementary School Auditorium at 8:00 p. m.

This later time than usual, 8:00 p. m., is designed to give those attending dinner meetings that same night an opportunity to enhance their evening with a concert following dinner.

A variety of music is in rehearsal for this concert and the band seems to be in top form. Show tunes, program music, marches are scheduled for the first part of the program, the later part will be the Christmas portion with many interesting arrangements of Christmas Carols and Christmas concert pieces in the offering.

This concert is open to all at no charge as the band's appreciation for all that was done in their behalf and as their salute to the Christmas season.



OLD-FASHIONED CHRISTMAS.—Mrs. Jackie Norris stands beside tree decorated in popcorn, cookies and other old-fashioned decorations during the open house at Jack and Jackie's cabin last week. More than 200 persons attended the event where the Christmas motif of years ago were carried out in decorations and settings.—Corey photo.

## Window Decorations Winners Are Chosen

Winners receiving awards and ribbons in the store window decorating contest sponsored by the Fine Arts group of the Worthwhile Women's Club were Carolina Pharmacy, first prize, blue ribbon; Walker's Jewelry Store, second, red ribbon; Boone Drug Store, third, green ribbon; Newton's Department Store, fourth, white ribbon.

Twenty-three windows were entered in the competition using the theme "Keep Christ in Christmas," with judging on Wednesday.

### Seal Sales Going Good

A total of \$513.00 has been raised during the first ten days of the Christmas seal campaign, Dr. H. M. Cooke, Seal chairman for Watauga County, announced Monday.

Many contributions are needed to reach the goal of \$2,000.00 by Christmas, Dr. Cooke said.

Some Watauga Countians may not have received their Christmas Seal letters as yet due to change in address causing delays in delivery. Those who have not received their letters and others not on the mailing list, also newcomers or visitors to the area, may secure Christmas Seals by a card or call to Dr. H. M. Cooke's office, telephone AM 4-3974.

The Association President, Mrs. Worth Knox, urges all people to mail in contributions early, as programs for the coming year will be based on amounts received at this time. Mrs. Knox suggests that contributors use envelopes furnished by the Association to insure proper credit and identification of contributors.

### Homecoming At Cove Creek School

Homecoming will be held at Cove Creek High School December 8.

A reception will be held in the school cafeteria from 6:00-7:00 p. m. followed by basketball games with Lansing High School. Between the girls' and boys' games, the Homecoming Court will be presented and the queen and king crowned.

## Arena Theatre Opens Tuesday

D. S. Mayes, a graduate student at Appalachian State Teachers College, will open The Pit, a theatre-in-the-round, on December 12.

Mayes has had his eye on the deserted pool hall under the Gateway Restaurant, the location of The Pit, for some time, and he

began to realize an old dream of his when he leased the building in November.

Work has been progressing on the interior of The Pit for several weeks, and Mayes states that the theatre will be ready for his first production, August Strindberg's "The Father," on December 12, 13, and 14.

The theatre itself will seat one hundred people and all seats are within twenty feet of the stage.

Arena theatre, intimate theatre, or theatre-in-the-round, as this type of staging is known, refers to the unique factor that in these productions the audience is seated around the stage and very close to the actors themselves. This lends itself to a strong connection between actor and audience, especially in such a powerful drama as "The Father."

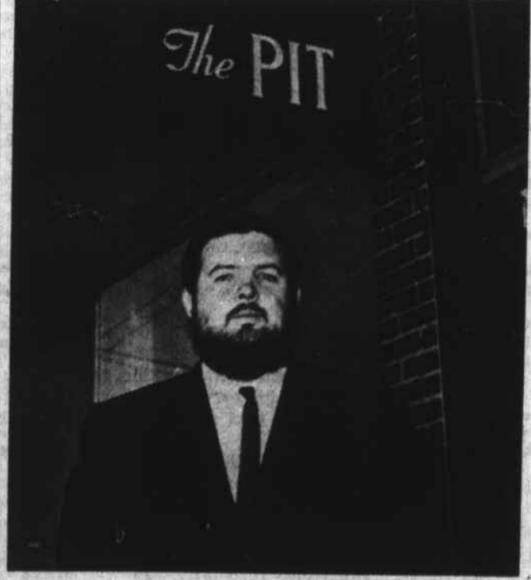
Mayes will also assume the lead role in the play after being connected with the College Theatre and "Horn in the West." His leading lady will be Mrs. Jean Hicks Vance, herself a powerful actress. Tom Vance will also assume a major role along with Charles Gordon, Vicki Graham, Mary Alice Cook, Larry Griffie, and Don Parham. Jerry Moore, an announcer at WATA, will be stage manager for the production.

David A. French, director of the College Theatre and Horn in the West this past season, will direct the production which should display the richness of his dramatic background.

Tickets for the first production are on sale at the College Bookstore and at the theatre nightly from 7 to 10 o'clock. Mayes suggests that tickets should be purchased at an early date and for a specific performance because of the limited total number—300—of tickets available for the three performances.

Along with the dramatic events scheduled in The Pit, Mayes also has such events as jazz concerts, folk song singing, club meetings, and private parties in mind for the future of The Pit.

The purpose of The Pit as a theatre will be to cooperate and complement the College Theatre and to enrich the culture of a growing Appalachian and a growing Boone.



D. S. MAYES . . . long-time dream realized when The Pit opens Tuesday.

## Yule Decorations Contest Will Be Held Tuesday Night

The annual Christmas Decoration Contest for Boone and surrounding area will be held Tuesday evening, December 19th, with judging to begin around 7:00 p. m.

Any person may enter the contest, and may enter in as many divisions as desired. Prizes will be awarded to the winners in each division.

There will be six divisions for adults: indoor tables of any type; outside decorations; doors, living outdoor trees; mantels; and windows. A seventh division for children includes any type decoration, indoor or outside, prepared by children.

To assure that decorations are judged, entries should be made by Monday, December 18th, and may be made by calling Mrs. Malton Cole, AM 4-8994; Mrs. Harlan Ledford, AM 4-2253; or Mrs. J. E. Wilford, Jr., Co. 7-2772.

The contest is sponsored each year by the Boone Junior Woman's Club, in cooperation with other local civic and garden clubs. Clubs offering prizes and furnishing judges include: Business and Professional Woman's Club, Boone Garden Council, Blue Ridge Garden Club, Rhododendron Garden Club, Home Life Department of the Worthwhile Women's Club, Appalachian Garden Club, Gardenerettes Garden Club.