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1963	Hi	Lo	prec.	'62	Hi	Lo
Sept. 17	75	47			70	55
Sept. 18	70	45			65	52
Sept. 19	71	43			69	43
Sept. 20	80	45			63	50
Sept. 21	81	48			58	31
Sept. 22	68	56			67	37
Sept. 23	63	33	(frost)		63	33

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CROWDS WAIT FOR "VIRGINIA CREEPER" TO LEAVE

Picture by Skyland Post

Mrs. James Shull Funeral Monday

Mrs. Allie Baird Shull, 91, of Valle Crucis, widow of James Melton Shull, died Saturday night at her home.

She was born in Watauga County to David Franklin and Elizabeth Wagner Baird.

Surviving are a son, Don Shull of Valle Crucis; six daughters, Mrs. D. S. Moore of White Hall, Md., Mrs. F. C. Knoblauch of Charleston, S. C., Mrs. B. G. Leake of Valle Crucis, Mrs. Ira T. Johnston of Jefferson, Miss Wilhelmina Shull of Gastonia, and Mrs. R. O. Glenn of Mountain City, Tenn.; 13 grandchildren; several great-grandchildren; three sisters, Mrs. J. B. Horton of Riva, Md., Mrs. W. W. Mast of Valle Crucis and Mrs. Lula Moore of Lenoir.

The funeral was conducted at 3 p. m. Monday at Valle Crucis Methodist Church by the Rev. (Continued on page four)

Mrs. Teague Dies At Creston

Gertrude Cornett Teague, age 69, of Route 1, Creston, died suddenly at her home Sept. 17. She was the daughter of the late Manuel and Alzenia Reese Cornett and widow of William Teague.

Funeral services were conducted Sept. 19 at Shulls Mills Assembly of God Church by Rev. Boyd Bryant and Rev. Roscoe Greene. Burial was in White Cemetery.

Surviving are two sons, Carl Teague of Florida, Merle Teague of Highlands; two daughters, Mrs. Gladys Eastridge of Fig, Mrs. Mary Townsend of Boone; three sisters, Mrs. Ida Mae Brown, Mrs. Alice Brown, Mrs. Mae Friesland, all of Lenoir; six brothers, Marion Cornett of Boone; Morris Cornett of Toughkenamin, Pa.; Raymond Cornett of Virginia Beach, Va.; Kermit Cornett, Kever Cornett, both of Kennett Square, Pa.; Ray Cornett of Newland, 12 grandchildren.

Rites Held For Ralph Hodges

Ralph S. Hodges, 59, of Boone, Rt. 1, died Sunday night at Watauga Hospital after a long illness. He was born in Watauga County to John R. and Fannie Moretz Hodges. He was a carpenter.

Surviving are his widow, Mrs. Beulah Greene Hodges, a son, Edsel Hodges; a daughter, Mrs. S. B. Brown; five grandchildren; his mother, Mrs. John R. Hodges; and a brother, Frank Hodges, all of Boone.

The funeral was conducted at 2 p. m. Tuesday at Ruthwood Baptist Church by the Rev. Herbert McCoy, the Rev. E. O. Gore and the Rev. Raymond Hendrix. Burial was in Ruthwood Cemetery.

Autumn Leaf Excursion Is Popular Event Of Season

NCEA Holds Boone Meet On Tuesday

The 41st annual convention of the Northwestern District of the North Carolina Education Association met in Boone September 24.

The professional meeting was attended by most of the teachers in the ten county district. Schools were closed, but the day is not counted as a school day of the regular 180 day term, nor will the teachers be paid for a day of teaching.

The 1500 personnel begun the day with a general session in the auditorium of the Appalachian State Teachers College campus.

Presiding over the session was Herman R. Griffin, principal of Copeland School, Dobson. The main address of the morning was "Conditions of (Continued on page four)

Masons To Meet Today

The joint meeting of the 48th and 49th Masonic Districts is being held with Snow Lodge No. 363, AF & AM this (Wednesday) afternoon at 5 o'clock. The meeting had been erroneously advertised for the 23rd.



Whiskey Still Seized

Sheriff Dallas Cheek (right) and Deputy Sheriff J. Brown stand beside the remains of a small whiskey still which Brown and another deputy captured last Wednesday near

Brownwood, in the Gap Creek section. The still had been in operation, Brown said, but was in the process of being moved out when discovered.



MRS. LEO K. PRITCHETT

Mrs. Pritchett Is State Chairman Of UN Week

Governor Terry Sanford has appointed Mrs. Leo K. Pritchett of Boone as state chairman of United Nations Week, which will be celebrated October 20-26.

Mrs. Pritchett, administrative assistant to the President of Appalachian State Teachers College, will coordinate U. N. observances in communities across the State. Mrs. Pritchett will ask Tar Heel mayors to appoint local U. N. Week (Continued on page four)

West Jefferson — Sunday, October 13, the annual Autumn Leaf Excursion on the famous Virginia Creeper from West Jefferson to Bristol and return is scheduled to make its popular run and is expected to attract hundreds of visitors as well as local patrons.

In order to assure all passengers seats, the capacity is limited and tickets must be purchased in advance. A number of orders for tickets have already come in. October 8 is the last date that tickets with lunch can be purchased.

In addition to scenic beauty through the mountains and across White Top, where the autumn colors are expected to be at their best, there will be other special entertainment including string music.

The excursion train will leave West Jefferson at 9 in the morning and return in the afternoon around 5:30. A worship service is planned enroute at White Top with hymn singing. The tentative schedule includes brief stops at Bristol, Abingdon, and Damascus, Va. with official greetings and some brief entertainment.

The West Jefferson Woman's Club will sponsor the excursion and the Ashe County Rescue Squad will cooperate with this organization. Mrs. Ed M. Anderson is the general chairman.

An old-fashioned square dance is planned for Saturday (Continued on page four)

Registration In Graduate School Is Up

Enrollment at Appalachian State Teachers College has soared to an all-time record high of 2,916 students for fall classes, according to H. R. Eggers, Registrar.

Of the 2,916 students enrolled only about 800 are freshmen. This figure has been cut by about 150 since last year. Yet the present total enrollment shows an increase of 79 persons over last year's 2,837.

Final registration for Saturday classes was September 21, and the number already enrolled is 240, which is about the same as last year.

Approximately 300 students are expected to enroll in extension classes. Eleven courses will be offered in 10 counties this fall, according to an announcement this week by Dr. James Stone, Director of Extension.

Dr. Cratis Williams, Director of Graduate Studies, said last week that enrollment in the graduate division is ahead of any previous year, with a 20 per cent increase over last year. Approximately 559 students are taking work in the resident, extension and Saturday graduate classes. The number of resident graduate students has increased this year from 91 to 109. Among the group will be about 70 who have been appointed as teaching fellows, graduate assistants, departmental assistants and research fellows. Thirty-eight of these are enrolled in the program preparing junior college teachers.

HPO Wreck Injures One

A Highway Post Office bus, on its way to North Wilkesboro from Boone, went out of control and overturned down a steep bank just across the Wilkes County line at 6:30 p. m. last Thursday, causing extensive damage to the vehicle and slight injuries to its driver.

The driver was taken to a Charlotte hospital with bruises, lacerations, and possible hip injuries—either a dislocation or a fracture. The mail clerks, who were also on the bus, were not hurt and assisted local office authorities in sorting the mail for transfer to another bus.

No charges were filed in the accident, which was said to have been unavoidable by the investigating patrolman. Apparently the brakes gave way down a steep grade and the bus gained too much speed to negotiate a curve. Damages were estimated at \$3,000.

Another bus was sent from Queen City Bus Lines in Charlotte (Continued on page four)

Mrs. Lena Fox Dies Thursday

Mrs. Lena Mae Smith Fox, 69, of King Street, wife of Filmore F. Fox, died Thursday at Watauga Hospital after a short illness.

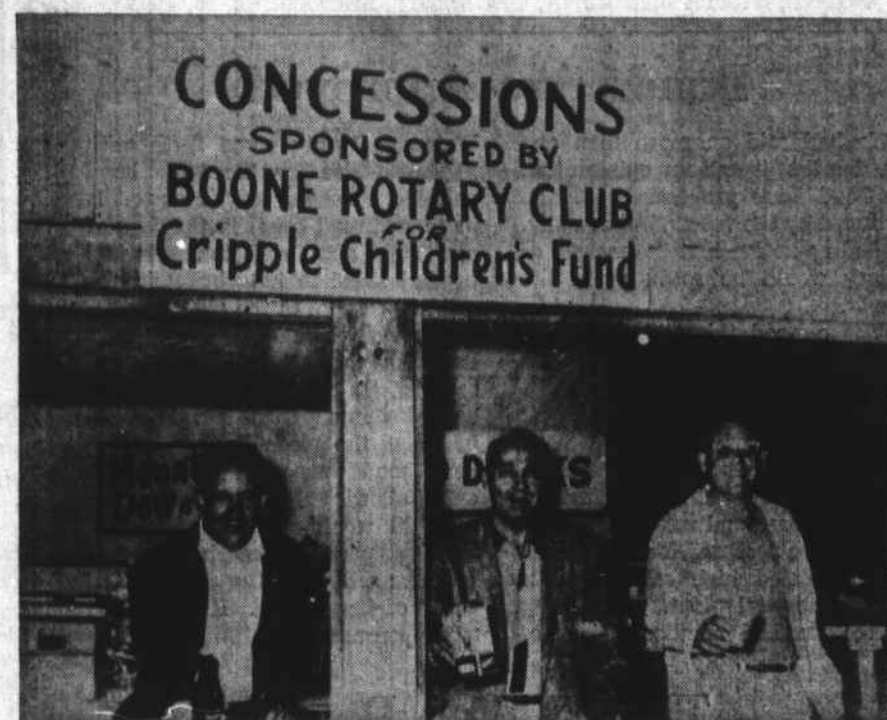
She was born in Watauga County to George W. and Emma Price Smith.

Surviving are her husband; a son, LaVerne Fox of Boone; a daughter, Mrs. Raymond Craig of Lenoir; a sister, Miss Annie Smith of Vilas; a brother, Floyd J. Smith of Lenoir; and four grandchildren.

The funeral was conducted at 2 p. m. Saturday at Boone Methodist Church by the Rev. Richard J. Crowder and the Rev. J. Boyce Brooks. Burial was in City Cemetery.

ALL-TIME RECORD

2,916 Students Enroll At ASTC For Fall Term



Rotarians, Concessionaries

Boone Rotarians and concessionaries (left to right) G. C. Greene, Dr. W. M. Plemmons and Phil Vance man their posts at the Horn in the West concession stand.

Horn In West Concessions Aid To Crippled Children

Joe McClung, president of the Boone Rotary Club and business director for the concession stand at Horn in the West, reports that the concession stand, which has been operated the past two years by the Rotary Club for the benefit of the Crippled Children's Fund, has shown a substantial rise in profits over last year. The Rotary Club splits its

profits 50-50 with Horn in the West, McClung said. This year each half of the total profits of \$3,306.88 amounted, after taxes, to \$1,653.44. Total receipts for the nine weeks of the operation were \$6,026.33.

The Rotary Club's share of the profits goes toward educating crippled children, providing for needed operations and hospitalization, and buying such

necessities as wheelchairs and crutches.

The concession stand was operated by four eight-man teams, all members of which volunteered their services without salary. Teams alternated, with each team working a week at a time.

Team captains were James Marsh, G. C. Greene, Hugh Hagaman, and Estel Wagner.

Watauga S&L Cites Record In \$100 Billion Observance

Judge Huskins Presides At Superior Court

The September term of Watauga County Superior Court got underway Monday, with Judge J. Frank Huskins presiding. About 75 cases were tried on the first day of proceedings.

The cases were mostly routine charges involving traffic violations, public drunkenness, illegal possession of liquor, and the like. The jury segment of the docket began Tuesday, with more serious cases being heard. Court is expected to last all week, according to Clerk of Court Orville Foster. A total of 255 cases are on the calendar. A full report on these cases and the resulting dispositions will appear next week in the Democrat.

Democrat Supper Set For Saturday

Representative Democrats from the 11 counties of the Ninth District will meet at the Appalachian Elementary School Cafeteria next Saturday at 5 o'clock.

The fund-raising dinner will start promptly at 5 o'clock on account of the football game. Tickets are on sale in each township.

Hon. J. Fate Beal of Lenoir, prominent attorney, Judge of the Recorder's Court and civic leader, has accepted an invitation to address the gathering.



WADE E. BROWN

Boone Mayor Is One Of 36 On Foreign Tour

Wade E. Brown, mayor of Boone, left New York City Friday night for Manchester, England, the first stop on a three-week tour of Europe for representatives of local government in North Carolina.

The honor which Brown has received by being named as a member of the tour is a great one, since only 36 officials in all were named to make the trip. Among those who will accompany Brown is state Senator Irwin Belk, of Charlotte, and Edward G. Lackey, of Winston-Salem, a member of the Board of Trustees of Appalachian State Teachers College in Boone.

Also going will be John A. MacMahon, Executive Secretary (Continued on page four)

The Watauga Savings and Loan Association this month joins over 6,300 such associations across the nation in the "\$100 Billion Celebration," commemorating the passing of this amount in total assets held by the associations.

Begun in the 1830's as a series of wage earners' "Cooperative Building Associations," local Savings and Loan Associations last year financed the building of 429,000 homes and the buying of 757,000 others. In the process, it is estimated that they created 700,000 new jobs (for workmen to construct the new homes) and \$2.4 billion worth of retail sales (of furniture, appliances, and equipment for these homes.)

James P. Marsh, secretary-treasurer of the Watauga Association, took time out from a busy schedule last week to remark upon the place which the Watauga Savings and Loan has made for itself in the admirable history of Savings and Loan Associations.

In the 42 years since its establishment, the organization has fulfilled its dual purposes of promoting thrift and home ownership by financing 67% of all new homes built in the county, either through construction or purchase. In addition, the Savings and Loan Association has served Watauga through savings accounts: 4698 Wataugas now have savings accounts with the organization.

The facts of the services which the Watauga Savings and Loan Association provides for county people are even more apparent from the astonishing growth which the county has (Continued on page four)