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BOONE WEATHER		1965	
High	Low	High	Low
Oct. 11	59	43	68
Oct. 12	67	44	60
Oct. 13	67	34	62
Oct. 14	68	41	69
Oct. 15	68	51	72
Oct. 16	65	51	70
Oct. 17	61	47	68

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IRC Gives \$5,808.28 To United Fund

When Monday rolled around last week, IRC reported some \$3,900 in contributions had been raised by its employees toward the year's \$16,000 goal. By Friday, Oct. 14, IRC had amassed \$5,808.28 cents for a record 98 percent participation. Campaign Chairman Stanley Harris Sr. (right) said there probably is no plant in the state which has given as much per employee to the Fund. John Greene, IRC personnel assistant (center), passed a U. F. envelope full of checks and cash to the campaign chairman as Fund president Wade Wilmoth stood by. Harris said at the time that about \$4,000 more would complete the

drive and fulfill the current budget. "The co-operation of the officers of IRC and the splendid response of their employees is an inspiration to all of us working with the United Fund and should be to every person in Watauga County," Harris said. "We are especially grateful to the men and women who have done the fast work of seeing the people . . . and to every citizen who has subscribed." The campaign got underway Oct. 4. Campaign workers are hoping to achieve their goal in the near future.

New Board At College Will Be Advisory Group For Trustees

Thirteen have been named to membership on the newly-formed Board of Visitors at Appalachian State Teachers College.

The initial meeting of the board which will be an advisory group to the trustees of the college and its president,

Dr. W. H. Plemmons, is expected to have its initial meeting Friday morning.

The Board of Visitors, expected to be enlarged later, was established recently by the ASTC Board of Trustees upon the recommendation of its chairman, William J. Conrad.

The members of the new board are: Dr. L. H. Hollingsworth, a Baptist minister and chaplain at Wake Forest College; J. E. Collette, president of Security Life and Trust Co.; John M. Ehle, Jr., an author who formerly was associated with the Ford Found-

ation and was a member of the faculty of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill; former Gov. Terry Sanford; former State Senator and Representative Irwin Belk of Charlotte; Mrs. Paul Broyhill of Lenoir, a former Miss North Carolina and an alumna of ASTC; Mrs. Harry B. Caldwell of Greensboro, a former trustee of Appalachian and Master of the North Carolina State Grange; Edwin Duncan, Jr., first vice president of The

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\$423,000 Addition To Scott Building To Start

Contracts have been awarded and construction will begin immediately on a \$423,000 addition to the industrial arts

building at Appalachian State Teachers College.

The 23,413-square-foot, three-story addition will more than

double the size of the existing building which will be dedicated in honor of the late Gov. W. Kerr Scott Oct. 30.

Preliminary grading is scheduled to begin this week.

The 1965 General Assembly appropriated funds for the addition, which is part of a \$15 million construction program at ASTC.

General Contract

The general contract was awarded to Juno Construction Co. of Charlotte, which submitted a low bid of \$245,078. The same firm is building a new student center on the Appalachian campus.

Ingold Plumbing Co. of Hickory was awarded the plumbing contract at \$25,519. The heating and ventilating contract for \$48,323 also was awarded to Ingold Plumbing Co. The electrical contract for \$41,855 went to Colter and Chappell Electric Co. of Winston-Salem.

A \$13,991 contract for the installation of a three-story elevator was awarded to Westbrook Elevator Co. of Danville, Va.

Shelby Architects

Architect is C. L. Vaughn and Associates of Shelby. The firm designed the college's new 8,000-seat gymnasium, now under construction.

The ground floor of the addition will contain a large auto mechanics area, and special sections for crafts such as

Third Entrance Sign Is Being Erected On 105

The third Boone entrance sign of the four planned is now being erected on a rock base on Highway 105.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Houser have donated the sign site beside the fish pond near their home.

Work begun last week was abated when it was discovered that the right-of-way on Highway 105 was 50 feet from the center line rather than 30 feet.

Schools Closed Tuesday Boone Plagued By Shortage Of Water

Vital Liquid Plentiful At Supply Source

BY RACHEL RIVERS

The possibility of a leak had not been ruled out, but by Tuesday afternoon the consensus of opinion seemed to be that an air lock was causing the critical water condition in the Town of Boone.

The term "water shortage" continued in use, although never since Thursday, when the water level of Boone's two storage tanks began slowly dropping, had there been any lack of water at the city's watershed, located four miles from town above Winkler's Creek.

The problem was that the water supply was not getting through the system, either because of an air block or a leak.

Hunt Begins

The search began along creeksides, where it was suspected a broken water main would easily go unnoticed. The many miles of the Boone water system were walked again and again. Pressure was tested on fire hydrants, a "leak-finder" (which senses leaking water or escaping gas at a distance) was used—the vigil was kept through day and night, and starting Tuesday, continued in the rain.

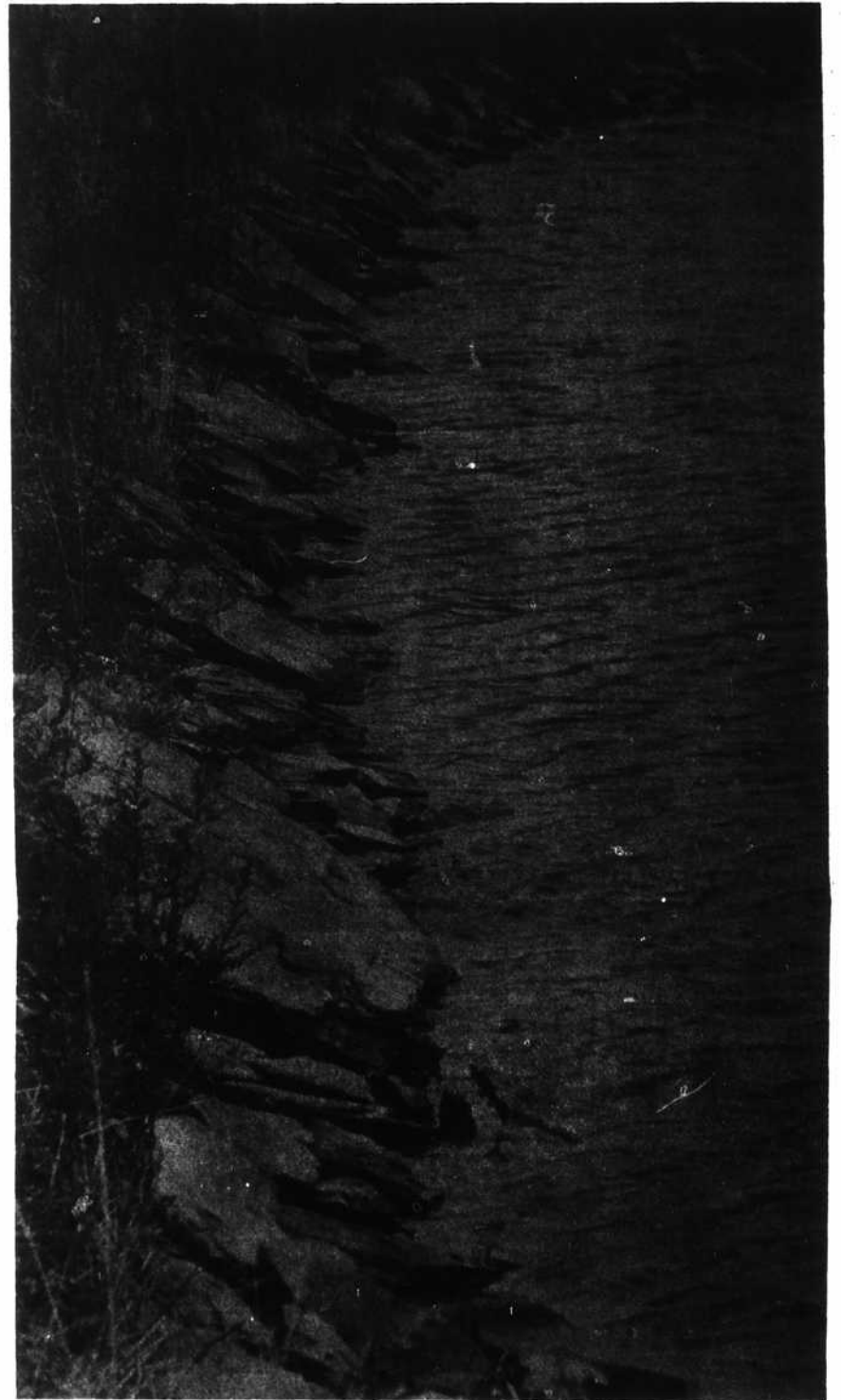
Appalachian Elementary School and Watauga High were closed for the day. Departments of local industries dependent on water for operations had closed up, or were working skeleton shifts. Service stations answered the plea of city officials to stop washing cars and beauty shops postponed shampoos in view of the critical situation. Laundromats closed down. The water to Boone Golf Course was cut off.

"It is desperately important to keep the lines full of water," the Mayor said. "If it gets to the point that the lines drain out entirely, then we've got real trouble on our hands."

He said the main line from the watershed seemed to be the trouble area, but "if we can keep just a little water in the tanks, we can keep the lines full."

If an air lock is causing reduced pressure, then the "bleeding" of hydrants will eventually solve the problem. Men have been testing the

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There is no shortage of water. Boone's reservoir, or watershed, above Winkler's Creek contained 5 or 6 million gallons of water Tuesday. The level had varied almost imperceptibly since a state of emergency was declared. (Staff photo)

Boone Woman One Of 40 To Promote State Abroad

Mrs. James Councill of Boone will be one of 40 North Carolinians who will spend three weeks in Europe promoting the Tar Heel State as a travel destination.

The Travel Mission is being sponsored by the Department of Conservation and Development with the cooperation of the U. S. Travel Service and Swissair. The group will be

led by Bill Hensley, director of C&D's Travel and Promotion Division.

The mission is set for Oct. 26 to Nov. 15, and will cover eight cities in seven countries. In each city, participants will host a reception for travel agents, travel writers, and carrier representatives. A highlight of the reception will be a 20-minute slide show of

North Carolina scenes.

Cities to be visited include Paris, Rome, Geneva, Zurich, Hamburg, Stockholm, Amsterdam and London. Approximately two days will be spent in each place to enable mission participants to make individual calls on foreign travel personnel.

"We are confident that we can sell North Carolina as a year-round vacation spot," Hensley said. "Similar missions have been very successful, and we are anxious to further develop our potential in this market."



BEN B. LEAZER



W. R. COOKE, JR.

Leazer New Manager Southern Bell Here

Southern Bell Telephone Company today announced the appointment of W. R. Cooke, Jr., to a position in the State Headquarters Offices in Charlotte. Mr. Cooke, Lenoir Group Manager of Lenoir, Boone, and Blowing Rock since 1963, will be succeeded by Ben B. Leazer.

Mr. Leazer is presently Public Relations Manager in the Company's State Headquarters in Charlotte.

Mr. Cooke, a native of Asheville, joined Southern Bell in 1952, after attending Davidson College. He held a number of assignments in the Asheville Commercial Office and was named manager there in 1958.

A World War II veteran, Mr. Cooke served with the U. S. Army in the Alaskan Theater of Operations.

The new Lenoir manager is

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Record 4,695 Students Enroll At Appalachian For Fall Quarter

Fall quarter enrollment at Appalachian State Teachers College totals 4,695—an increase of 741 above the previous record high registration which was reached during the fall quarter of 1965.

The enrollment figure, announced by Dr. Ben F. Strickland, registrar of the college, includes under-graduate and graduate students, and students enrolled in Saturday classes only.

In addition to these students, an additional 563 are enrolled in the various extension classes conducted by the college.

The official enrollment of 4,695 is comprised of 3,832 under-graduates, 585 graduate students and 278 who are assigned to the Saturday classes.

Of the undergraduate enrollment, 2,222 are women and

1,610 are men. In-state undergraduate enrollment totals 3,364 and out-of-state students numbers 468.

The graduate enrollment of 585 includes 380 men and 205 women with 454 in-state graduate students and 131 from out-of-state. There are 37 foreign students among the current student body, 34 of whom are graduate students.

The fall quarter registration reflects a continuance of

Appalachian's booming growth over the past few years, Dr. Strickland said.

The enrollment total one year ago was 3,954, and in 1964 it stood at 3,428. The 1963 figure was 2,916.

Only 534 students were on the ASTC campus back in 1945. The number increased to 1,263 in 1950 and to 1,838 in 1955. The 1960 total was 2,594.

Candidates Plan Tour Of County

On Monday and Tuesday, Oct. 24 and 25, Robert Bingham, the Democratic candidate for Congress, will tour the 16 precincts of Watauga County along with several of the local candidates. The people are asked to come out and ask questions of both Bob and the local candidates.

Monday night at 7:30, Bingham

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