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BOONE WEATHER					
1967	Hi	Lo	Snow Prec.	Hi	Lo
Jan. 24	63	46		30	18
Jan. 25	64	37		26	16
Jan. 26	61	34		27	16
Jan. 27	55	23	1.00	22	5
Jan. 28	29	19	1/2 .02	29	10
Jan. 29	39	23		23	11
Jan. 30	49	23		18	18

Snow given to nearest half-inch.

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Hydrant's On And Work Begins

On a metallic morning, men from the city's street and water departments went to work flooding away the dirt and trash that had accumulated on King Street during the snows of December and early January. The plug came out of a West King hydrant about 7:30 Friday, and the men kept mopping

the streets down until traffic became a hindrance. The street was flushed from the intersection of Water Street to Appalachian. Left to right are Jack Austin, David Austin, W. W. Austin, Houston Shearer, Robert Townsend, Clyde Decker and, looking on, Police Chief Hubert Thomas. (Staff photo)

All-State Band Clinic To Be Weekend ASTC Feature

If What It Was Was A Plane, It's Lost

If it was a plane crash, it wasn't found.
If it was an explosion, its origin is undetermined.
And if it was indeed a hoax, it was rather elaborate.

Between 7 and 10 p. m., Friday night, five families in the Perkinsville area call City Hall and the Sheriff's Department to report flashes of light, suspected to be either a plane crash or an explosion.

Shortly after 10, Rescue Squad Chief Jerrell Little arrived with some of his men to search the hills off old 421 at Perkinsville "back toward New River", he described it.

Multi-colored flares shot up from the dark mountains about every 15 minutes from 10 until 1 p. m., he reported. He stationed men on four hilltops to try to get a bearing on the source, but the effort was unfruitful.

At 2:30 a. m., the Squadsmen went home, without a clue to the origin of the elusive lights.

The 17th annual North Carolina All-State Band clinic will be held Friday to Sunday, Feb. 3-5 on the ASTC campus, Charles L. Isley Jr., director of bands at Appalachian, is chairman of the clinic.

The college will host 180 of the best music students in northwestern North Carolina. These students were selected early in January at auditions in Statesville.

The students will be divided into two bands according to ability. The bands, 90 players each, are the symphonic band and the concert band. Rehearsals will begin late Friday and a concluding concert by both bands will be given at 2:30 on Sunday, and the public is invited. The concert will be in the I. G. Greer Auditorium, and there is no charge for admission.

The symphonic band will be conducted by Maurice McAdow, director of bands at North Texas State University. McAdow has built the North Texas band program into one of national repute.

A graduate of Illinois Wesleyan University and the American Conservatory of Music in Chicago, he was associated eight years with the Greenville, Ill., public schools—joining the NTSU faculty 21 years ago. In Southwest and Midwest states, (Continued on page 3)



MRS. JEAN L. RIVERS

Mrs. Jean Rivers Named To State Library Group

Mrs. Jean L. Rivers of Boone has been appointed Watauga County's voting member in the recently incorporated statewide organization North Carolinians for Better Libraries.

Mrs. Rivers will serve as liaison between library-interested citizens in the county and Raleigh headquarters of NCBL and will attend the organization's first annual meeting in Raleigh this spring, author David Stick, president, announced.

Plans for local action to improve libraries in each of the State's 100 counties will be coordinated at the meeting. (Continued on page 3)

To Go Through Channels Appalachian Seeks University Status

Southern Bell Perhaps Biggest Taxpayer In Co.

Southern Bell pays a lot in taxes in Watauga County.

This was brought to light last week when B. B. Leazer, Southern Bell's manager, delivered checks for \$1,515.73 to Mrs. Nettie Greene for the town of Blowing Rock, \$2,708.07 to Hubert Thomas for the city of Boone and \$5,958 to John Vines for Watauga County.

The total was \$10,181.80 and Leazer said the checks covered payments of ad valorem taxes for 1966. Approximately 33 per cent of each dollar received is paid in some form of tax, he said.

Leazer added he has been told the Southern Bell tax bill is the largest in the County and second largest in the Town of Boone.



EILEEN FULTON

Eileen Fulton, Noted TV, Stage Star Lived In Boone

Eileen Fulton, after a year's absence during which she toured the country with her successful night club act, returned to her role as Lisa Hughes in "As the World Turns" Mon., Jan. 16 on the CBS Television Network. The Monday-through-Friday program is broadcast at 1:30-2 P. M., EST.

Miss Fulton will be remembered in Boone as Margaret McLarty, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. James B. McLarty. She lived in Boone as a child while her father was pastor of the Boone Methodist Church.

During her year's sabbatical from the series, thousands of viewers have asked for Miss Fulton's return. In every city of her tour, she received many phone calls and letters asking when she was returning to "As the World Turns."

Miss Fulton's night club act consisted of singing and dancing. She refers to herself as a song stylist who runs the gamut from love songs to rock 'n' roll.

In addition to her television and night club appearances, the actress was seen on Broad-

way in "Who's Afraid of Virginia Wolf" and "One for the Dame." From 1962 to 1964 she played a starring role in the off-Broadway production of "The Fantasticks" and also appeared in "Abe Lincoln in Illinois," "The Summer of the 17th Doll" and "Many Loves."

Before returning to New York last week, Miss Fulton appeared at the Playboy Clubs in Chicago and Cincinnati and the King Edward Hotel in Canada. Before that she filled an engagement at New York's Latin Quarter.

In her last performance on "As the World Turns" Miss Fulton, as Lisa Hughes, boarded a train with her son and was on her way to be remarried in Chicago.

"The returning Lisa," says Miss Fulton, "will be a new personality, one endowed with glamour and sophistication, one who shed her former dowdiness. She will be seen returning to New York with her son, I hope the thousands of people who have missed her will be on hand to greet her."

Seek To Increase Farmers' Income

Agriculture leaders in Watauga County have implemented a program designed to boost gross farm income 10 per cent by 1971 for a total of \$3,900,000. The income-hike is to be figured on the basis of agricultural production in 1965.

L. E. Tuckwiler, Watauga County extension chairman, says the program is part of a state-wide ag-development plan expected to produce \$2 billion in the same five-year period.

Gov. Dan Moore and officials of N. C. State University launched the "Target 2" drive Monday in Raleigh. Scores of Wataugas helped plan their program and spokesmen for the Agricultural Extension Service say some 7,600 lay leaders were involved in local level planning throughout 1966.

Tuckwiler says priority items for 1967 will include small fruits, ornamental shrubbery, beef cattle and tobacco. At intervals, the extension advisory board will evaluate progress.

Long range objectives, aside from the total-production goal, are family living, conservation and use of natural resources, 4-H and youth and community resources development.

Tuckwiler and his aides have prepared a technical manuscript, outlining the Target 2 work and setting down information on existing resources. However, Tuckwiler says the County and State programs have flexibility to allow for adjustments and shifts of emphasis if they are required during (Continued on page 3)

Gov. Reagan? U. Thant? Andy Griffith? Maybe

Official word still not in, the chances are considered rather good that Gov. Ronald Reagan (R-Calif.) will visit "Horn in the West" this summer. And/or:

patch another of its celebrities to the stage of the summy production.

Andy Griffith of television fame—

U. Thant of United Nations fame—

Possibly another screen star from the studio which last year sent Fess Parker.

Horn Manager Herman W. Wilcox asked Gov. Dan K. Moore to back up the drama's recent invitation to Reagan and the Governor responded with a warm letter to California's top official.

Now Wilcox is working closely with Dr. I. G. Greer, president of the Southern Appalachian Historical Association, a close friend of Andy Griffith, as well as Orville Campbell, Chapel Hill newspaper editor who was instrumental in launching Griffith's career. Here, too, the chances are good.

U. Thant, Secretary General of the United Nations, will be in Greensboro this summer and Wilcox is hoping to have him here for a July or August playdate. He has asked Sen. Sam Ervin, Gov. Moore and Congressman James Broyhill to follow up his invitation to the U. N. leader.

Then, recalling the success of Fess Parker's appearance here as part of his Southeastern tour, it just could be that Twentieth Century Fox will dis-



Turned-Over Trailer

You almost have to look twice to see that Friday night's high velocity winds not only turned over a brand-new trailer owned by Chester Culler, but turned it over on its top. And, according to the position of the trailer's foundations, flipped it over in a little more space than its width. Culler said the wind scooped the mobile home off its blocks about 5:30 p. m. and he took his wife, Miriam, to the home of his mother, Mrs. Beulah Culler. Later that evening, Culler struck off with the Rescue Squad (page one box) and when he came home about 2 a. m.,

found the mobile on its top . . . a total loss. Fortunately, Culler said he had insured the home, and Saturday afternoon, was able to salvage some clothing and a few other odds and ends. The trailer next door was not occupied when the Culler trailer rolled over against it. Mr. and Mrs. Culler had been living at the Clawson Trailer Park, Perkinsville, since October. Some estimates have placed Friday's gale winds as high as 75 miles per hour. (Staff photo)

LBJ Asks \$353,000 To Start Grandfather Parkway Link

The budget presented to Congress by President Johnson includes a request for \$350,000 to begin work on the long-disputed Grandfather Mountain segment of the Blue Ridge Parkway.

The money would be used for construction of bridges across Holloway Mountain Road and U. S. 221. Park officials here said bridge construction is a necessary first step in building a new parkway segment.

Clark Stratton, associate director of the National Park Service, said that preliminary estimates show that the 5.8-mile Grandfather Mountain seg-

ment will cost about \$4.4 million.

Present schedules indicate that the segment could be completed in four years if sufficient money is made available.

The Grandfather Mountain segment is the only uncompleted segment on the parkway. Work there was delayed for several years because of a dispute over where the road would be located.

A compromise agreement was reached last year. Stratton said the park service, the U. S. Bureau of Public Roads and the North Carolina Highway Commission are now cooperating in

"No Demand For Change" To Be Made Presently

Acting for the Board of Trustees, Appalachian State Teachers College president W. H. Plemmons last week forwarded to the State Board of Higher Education a request that ASTC be granted university status.

The resolution was made because "All associated and connected with Appalachian are anxious that the college continue to be a strong, and become an even stronger, current in the mainstream of higher education in North Carolina."

Plemmons said the Trustees several times in recent years have discussed the college's educational role and the possibility of eventual university status.

This bars speculation that ambitions of the local campus stem solely from recent action on the part of other state institutions.

Charlotte College has been added as the fourth campus of the consolidated University of North Carolina and Western Carolina and Asheville-Biltmore colleges have requested status changes. Trustees of Wilmington College indicated, at the time of Charlotte College's elevation, that it be so considered, as needs for a branch in the Southeast become apparent.

In the throes of bitter controversy, East Carolina College will appeal to the 1967 Legislature to allow it university status independent of the Consolidated University.

Appalachian is not expected to attempt getting the status-change during this General Assembly.

IN OR OUT?

In any case, Plemmons says the college's goal will be based on the advice of the State Board: ". . . we will go through official channels, the State Board of Higher Education, he said. "We won't strike out on our own."

The resolution requests the Board to consider expanding ASTC "into a university either within (as a branch) or without (independently) the present Consolidated University of North Carolina."

A stipulation follows that should it be advisable to add Appalachian to the consolidated system, "then by this same resolution, request is made . . . to consider expanding ASTC into a campus" within that system.

10-YEAR PLAN

Appalachian is not demanding change, but wants to be included if the Board intends to create other universities or expand its consolidated University. (Continued on page 3)

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planning the segment and that it is regarded in Washington as a high-priority project.

The budget contains a \$260,000 request for renovation of the Pine Spur campground and picnic area on the parkway between Roanoke, Va., and the North Carolina line.

Stratton said the area, one of the first campgrounds provided on the parkway, will be improved to meet a heavy demand for camping facilities.

He said 120 camping units are to be provided at Pine Spur.