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BOONE WEATHER				
1968	Hi	Lo	Snow	Prec.
July 30	72	62		.87
July 31	78	62		.74
Aug. 1	76	62	.31	.76
Aug. 2	75	63		.70
Aug. 3	77	60	1.30	.76
Aug. 4	75	59		.88
Aug. 5	82	59	.07	.76



NEAR COMPLETION—Watauga's new courthouse on West King Street is in the final phase of construction and expected to be occupied sometime in October. Claude Danner, Tax Supervisor and clerk to the Board of County Commissioners, says the architect and contractor reported the progress to the Board Monday but set no definite date when a move could be made from the temporary courthouse in Junaluska Heights. In the court room, the paneling nearly is completed; the jury box, witness stand and judge's bench are in place; and the divider between the bar and the spectators is finished. Hallways and offices on both floors are reported finished, but the tile floor in the court room is not yet laid. Upstairs wash rooms are tiled and most of the work done downstairs where also, the ceilings are being lathed for plaster. A lot of electrical work remains to be done, according to Danner. This scene is from the back of the building looking toward main street. Temporary closure of the roof has been done and permanent sealing is to be accomplished this week. (Staff photo)

Civic Leaders Ponder Country Club Feasibility

BY RACHEL RIVERS

Monday night's community meeting to investigate the prospect of starting a local country club produced a number of questions in constructive discussion. Would the Blowing Rock Ski Lodge, which is being advertised for foreclosure, be a good bet? Could a farm be purchased reasonably enough so that funds would be left over for club house construction and other recreational facilities? Could a local country club run on internal revenue or would adjoining enterprise such as a golf course, ski run or housing development be advisable? Should a club house be built for a start and other facilities latter added? Can a new country club be operated in connection with the Boone Golf Club?

The meeting was conducted at Watauga High School by Grady Moretz Jr., who with Kenneth Wilcox, serve as co-chairman. A discussion meeting first was held two weeks ago. Last week, a larger meeting was called for anyone interested. And this week's exploratory session comprised 28 persons. Asked to bring newcomers up to date, R. D. Hodges said "If there is enough interest, there is a possibility of starting a country club now. If not, we'll have to wait until later. That's how simple it is." Early talks had indicated a membership of 250 at \$1,000 each would assure the success of the project. "We all know that land comes at a premium around here," Hodges stated, and the idea is whether one can operate on its own income.

Kenneth Wilcox told the group he knows of a 10-acre spot centrally located on a farm the owners would restrict. And there is the Blowing Rock Ski Lodge, "which would require a minimum of \$64,000." He said he did not know whether others were interested in bidding on the resort facility. For background information, Moretz described the resort as 42 and a half acres with slopes graded for good skiing, a large parking area, a lodge originally constructed for \$69,000, snow equipment, one-bar, three rope tows, some restaurant equipment and dining facilities. Moretz said some of the ski

equipment needs replacing, but the rest is in good shape. He said the overall value is set at around \$300,000. Wilcox added that he has talked with several people familiar with the ski operation "and they say we can make money on it." He said management problems could be eliminated by leasing the ski operation to another group. Other points brought up in favor of the lodge was that property around it is a restricted residential development owned by one company

and nearby Payne's Branch Road is to be paved to the gap late this fall or early in spring. Moretz said the Payne's Branch route from Boone to the lodge's parking lot is only two and a half miles. **ALTERNATIVES** Phil Templeton, a member of the alternate sites committee, said "Land close in is hard to come by and very expensive when you do find it." He suggested seeking a property where the owner would

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The local schools are expected to enroll approximately 4,000 students on registration day. This enrollment will include approximately 2,800 elementary students and 1,200 high school students. Plans are underway to enroll approximately 40 additional students over the 1967-68 enrollment figures at the Appalachian Elementary School. Two additional mobile classroom units

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PRACTICE TIME FOR SMILING CHILDREN

Grandfather Home Day At Blowing Rock Sunday

Sunday, Aug. 11, will mark the 50th consecutive observance of the Grandfather Home Day at the Ruple Memorial Presbyterian Church in Blowing Rock.

The Grandfather Home for Children, located at Banner Elk, cares for 95 children of all races, believing in the truth of the little chorus, "Red and yellow, black and white, all are precious in His sight." The Home provides them an atmosphere in which they can grow as Jesus grew—"in wisdom and

stature and in favor with God and man." Grandfather Home for Children receives support from the Presbyterian Churches of Holston and Concord Presbyteries, but a great share of its financial help comes from interested friends of all denominations and the Grandfather Home Day at Blowing Rock provides for this type of sharing. Over the years, the gifts from the Grandfather Home Day have made up one of the largest contributions received during the

year. Gifts this year will have a special significance because of the remodeling currently being done and because of the immediate need for transportation facilities. The services will be led by the Rev. Richard Holshouser, pastor of Ruple Memorial Church, and the Rev. D. Edward Renegar, Executive Director of the Home. Included in the program will be the worship service presented by a group of children from the Home.

Board Sets Orientation Day School Bells To Ring For 4,000 Watauga Students

New Program Details Are Given Out

The Watauga County Board of Education has set its orientation dates for the opening of the 1968-69 school term. Teachers will report for duty Monday, Aug. 19, in the auditorium of Watauga High School. After the county-wide meeting, which is scheduled for 9 a.m., all professional personnel will report to their respective schools for assignment to grades or classes and additional orientation by the principals. Tuesday, Aug. 20, has been designated teacher-principal orientation day and school bus drivers will report to the county school bus garage to be issued buses in preparation for student transportation Wednesday, Aug. 21.

The Board of Education has set Wednesday as teacher-pupil orientation day and buses will operate. Students will be dismissed at approximately 11:30 after registration and assignment to classes; collection of fees; and receipt of supplies and textbooks for the first full day of school, Thursday, Aug. 22. The cafeterias will open the 22nd for the school year. School principals started their full schedule of work Monday, Aug. 5 and are available for consultation by students and parents.



JUST BEFORE LAYING WASTE another illegal whiskey still, Sheriff's Department Deputies Lloyd Bentley (left) and Shuford Edmisten flank Sheriff Ward Carroll for this picture taken by George Flowers. Edmisten said they found the illegal operation while on a "prowl" through woods near the Hardin Road in Watauga County. He said there was a 55-gallon barrel of mash,

"nearly ready to run, and it looked like they were ready to fire it up again." The discovery and destruction of the still was made the last of July as the Department stepped up its search for the illegal hillside businesses. Since taking office, they have uncovered eight stills, this being the first for 1968.

Many Area Students To Get Degrees At ASU Graduation

A total of 477 students are candidates for degrees which will be conferred during summer commencement exercises at Appalachian State University Saturday, Aug. 17. The graduation program will be staged at 10 a.m. in Broome-Kirk Gymnasium. The speaker is to be Hoyt Patrick Taylor of Wadesboro, a candidate for Lieutenant Governor of the state.

Dr. W. H. Plemmons, Appalachian's president, will confer Master of Arts degrees upon 291 students. Nineteen are to receive bachelor of arts degrees, 163 will obtain bachelor of science degrees, and four are due to receive advanced certificates in school administration under the university's six-year program.

The 477 summer graduates will hike the 1968 graduating total to a record 1,241. Some 764 receives degrees in June, including 118 who earned the Master's.

Dr. Paul Sanders, Provost of ASU, will present the candidates for the B.A. and B.S. degrees. Dr. Cratis Williams, Dean of the Graduate School, will present those for the Master's degree.

Candidates for degrees, listed by counties in this area are: ALLEGHANY — Bennie C. Weaver (MA) of Ennice, David Austin Smiley (MA) of Glade Valley, Juanita D. Church (BS) of Laurel Springs, Barbara J. Chappell (BS) of Piney Creek and Ralph William Parker (BS) of Sparta. ASHE — Meredith Lewis Knight (BS), Champ C. Farring-

ton Jr. (MA), and Garland C. Lyalls (MA), all of Creston; Betty Walters Carlton (BS), Walter Warner McMillan (BS), both of Crumpler; Hattie Jo Deboard (MA) of Grassy Creek; Margaret Ann Waugh (BS) of Jefferson; Earl Dale Paisley (MA) of Lansing; Larry Gordon Lewis (BS), Jimmy Ray Krider (BS), and James C. Proffit Jr. (BS), all of Todd; Chrysler Ashby (MA) of Warrensville; Luther T. Baldwin (MA) and Alice Nevada Holman (BS), both of West Jefferson.

EVERY — Donald Wesley Ott (MA) of Banner Elk; Sara S. Buchanan (MA), Priscilla Brewer Waycaster (BS), and Franklin Everette Johnson (MA), all of Newland. MITCHELL — Eddie Jo Vance Jarett (MA) of Bakersville.

WATAUGA — Floyd William Finch Jr. (MA) and William Michael Wright (MA), both of Blowing Rock; Nellie Harward Austin (MA), Flow Elizabeth Bingham (MA), Richard Monroe Cole (BS), Thomas R. Craver (BS), James Albert Cottrell (MA), Evelyn Dare Edmisten (MA), John Rodolphus Edwards (MA), Henry Armond Giroux (MA), Wallace Lamar

Hill II (MA), Judy Ayers Humphries (MA), Barbara Kay Greene (BS), Arthur H. Gregory (BS), Barbara Barnes Henson (BS), Wiley Ripon Johnson (BS), John Timothy Ratliffe (BS), Edward Lee Smith (BS), Sharon Kaye Teague (BS), Ellis Leon Tesh Jr. (BS), Jack L. Timmons (BS), Everette Earl Tyner (BS), Rosemary Eury Wells (BS), Charles Stanley Wilkes (BS), Victor Gene Winburn (BS), Dorothy Perry Wineberger (BS), Louise Kim (MA), Everette Joe Merritte (MA),

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Jim Holshouser At G. O. P. Convention

State Minority Leader Jim Holshouser of Boone left Thursday for the National Republican Convention in Miami. The delegate said he will support Richard Nixon for the presidential nomination and expects to return here Sunday, Aug. 11. On the state level, Holshouser is firmly committed to Republican gubernatorial choice, Jim Gardner, who supports Ronald Reagan.

Bloodmobile To Be In Town Next Friday

The use of the blood from one human being to save the life of another is one of the greatest achievements the world has known, according to Mrs. Goldie Fletcher, executive secretary of the American Red Cross, local chapter.

The Bloodmobile will be at the Boone Methodist Church Fellowship Hall from 11 a. m. to 4:30 p. m. Friday, Aug. 9. And, "If you have not been a regular blood donor, it's worth thought," says Mrs. Fletcher. "And it's worth taking action. For in truth, none of us knows who is going to need it next. Thousands of people are alive today—laughing children, young mothers, accident victims, the elderly persons who have survived major surgery—because of blood and blood derivatives which are available to combat shock and many fatal diseases."

Pointing out that it takes only a few minutes to participate, Mrs. Fletcher says "It could assure a normal lifespan for you or some member of your family." She urges the public to "make that visit to your Red Cross Bloodmobile . . . and help someone else on the road to life again."

Winn-Dixie Market, FCX Damaged In Flash Flood

Winn-Dixie closed for about an hour and a half Friday afternoon when it was flooded after a cloudburst in Boone. Later that night, the store was robbed.

Harvey Trivette, manager of the Hardin Street firm, said the 14,000 square foot building was flooded with three inches of water when a 36-inch culvert behind the store overran and water came through the back doors. The rear of the building is situated on East Howard

Street at the base of a steep hill. Trivette said refrigerator units, which were on raised platforms, escaped damage and the store reopened at 4:30.

Sometime between 11:30 that night and 6:30 a. m. Saturday morning, thieves broke the glass out of a front door, broke open a coke machine, stole cigarettes and caused further damage by vandalism. No estimate of loss was

issued by the supermarket. On South Water Street, water swelled back into the basement of FCX Farm & Garden Supplies where it was feared a milling motor worth several hundreds of dollars was ruined. After blocking the Water Street bridge, the Boone Creek backed up into the basement where it also flooded a bin of corn. As to the motor, however, FCX Manager G. W. Scroggs reported Monday that it was not damaged after all.