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ROTARY BOYS High School Band Students To FOR JANUARY Attend Annual Clinic In Boone ARE CHOSEN



FORESEEING THE WEATHER Seems to us the winter used to be more fun before we knew for a certainty what the weather was going to be . . . There was more room for hope, when we didn't get the forecast by radio, tv, or newspaper a day or so in advance, and a far greater element of sur prise when one went to bed on a moonlit night, and awoke to gaze out over a foot or so of snow Of course our weather forecasters are not infallable . . . When they say rain, it's been meanin' snow this winter, and once in a while a "cloudy and windy" appraisal will turn into a calm and bright day, but on the whole the predictions are "on the button" both winter and summer . . .

BUT THERE WERE SIGNS in the old days which could give fairly accurate clues to the imminence of bad weather . . . If there was a soft thumping sound from the wood fire, the fire was said to be "tramping snow," . . . If the sparrows and the snow birds gathered in huge flights, folks looked for a change for the worse in the behavior of the elements . . . If the smoke from the chimney swirled down to the ground, and the fog moved up Rich Mountain rather than down, we looked for storms, and in later years, there were misgivings when one could clearly hear the narrow-guage locomotive laboring up the Laurel en route to Boone . . . Then of course red clouds in the evening brought joy to the traveler, and sorrow if they showed in the morning . . . And there was 'Squire Bryan, Boone's first Mayor, who'd do a job of sky-conning once in a while and pass out the word as to what the morrow would bring forth . . . But if the weather was terribly important to a fellow, he could generally lay hold of a Ramon

calendar or a Blum's Alamance.

A PAPER-BACK ENCYCLOPEDIA

The almanac, which now sells for fifteen cents, is one of the most useful volumes to be found, and when we were being reared, a copy hung suspended by a string from the mantelpiece in the "front room," and was a source of ready reference on how to heat the house better, get rid of moles, 10 a. m. Saturday, January 8, at keep the piggies from chilling, the Rockview Baptist Church in bake a better cake, make a handy Caldwell County, with the Rev.

Plans are now complete for the | The band students, as in prev ious clinics, will come from high annual Northwestern Division of the All State Band Clinic which school bands from the surrounding will be held on the campus of Apcounties, including Watauga. Each palachian State Teachers College sented by four to five bandsmen Friday and Saturday, January 21 to make a total number of about

and 22. 96 members. Because the enroll-A concert will be given on Sat- ment at the college has grown so urday, January 22, in the Fine Arts | much this year it will be necessary Building at 7:30 P. M., and the to house the students in the homes public is invited. again

Conducing the clinic band will Ted Barnett is in charge of arbe Herbert Carter, director of ranging housing for the visiting bands at East Carolina College in students. If you have an extra Greenville. Mr. Carter is well room and care to entertain a stuknown in the state as a conductor dent for one night, you are asked to contact either Mr. Barnett or of clinics and as a judge for the band and solo and ensemble con- William G. Spencer, who is acting tests held each year. as clinic chairman this year.

Quarantine Of Dogs Results Rabies Cases

Due to the incidence of rabies Dam when found to be sick in Watauga county, a quaratine not known what other animals may have been exposed. against dogs and other pets has been declared by the district **Advice** Given

The Health Department strong health department for a period of ly emphasises the danger of rabies, ninety days. All pets-dogs, cats and other and the risks to children, live inimals are to be kept confined stock and pets, and expresses the and if off premises, dogs should conviction that the County should be on leash and accompanied by provide a dog warden. wner

It is important, say health of ficials, that all sick animals be There are seven known cases of rabies. Three dogs have been lab- confined and watched, and that the Veterinarian or Health Depart oratory confirmed, 2 clinically ment be called if rabies are susconfirmed, and 1 cow and 1 hog clinically confirmed. pected.

If the animal has rabies he will Clinic Scheduled die within seven days of the time At the same time the health dehe was noticeably ill. partment announces a rabies clinic

o be held next week, and all pets To get a reliable report from not vaccinated in the past year the laboratory, do not kill the animal but confine him until should be protected now. death, when the head or brain The first dog found to have had rabies was probably in Boone may be sent to the laboratory.

Further information may be s when he was exposed to the disease, and since he was in Beaver cured at the health department.

Postal Receipts Here Break Former Records

The Boone Postoffice establish- 686.61, or an increase of \$5,152.29 ed an all-time record for postal over the previous high in 1953 of receipts for the 1954 calendar \$44,534.32.

The month of December, 1954, year, it is noted by Acting Postmaster Lyle B. Cook, who gives was also a record month for both receipts for the period as \$49,incoming and outgoing mail. It is estimated that 200,000 letters were

Mrs. Watson Is Dead At Age 68

were cancelled by hand. This is Mrs. Luisa Baird Watson, 68, of an increase of approximately 50,-Ferguson, died January 6 in Wa-000 letters over the same month tauga Hospital, where she had last year and is about 100,000 more been a patient three days. than in nomally mailed through Funeral services were held at this office each month.

The Rotary Boys for Januar will be guests of the Boone Rotary Club Thursday at 6:30 p. m., at Kirk's Barbecue. The boys will be accompanied by their dads. These boys are being honored for their outstanding work at their respective schools, which includes high scholarship, leadership, service, and outstanding character.

> The student council of Cove Creek High School has selected James Frontis Davis, son of Mr. and Mrs. James W. Davis of Valle Crucis, as their Rotary Boy for January. Frontis is following a general curriculum in high school with the intent of going to college next year. In school activities he played football for three years and won three letters, played baseball and won four letters, and was a member of the 4-H club for three years and vice-president one year. These activities were accomplished before Frontis left school to serve in the United States Army.

Randy Maddux, son of Mr. and Mrs. M. R. Maddux of Boone, has been selected by the student council of Appalachian High School as their Rotary Boy for January. Randy has been very active in school affairs. He is vice-president of the National Honor Society, vice president of the Student Council, president of the Student Council, and editor of the annual. He has Leaders Fight been a member of the student council four years, member of the council four years, member of the annual staff three years, played Proposal For football four years and won three letters, played basketball two years **Toll On Parkway** and won one letter, played baseball two years and won one letter, was secretary and treasurer of the Men's "A" Club and a member three years, and was a reporter one year for the Wildlife Club. Randy is taking a technical curriculum in high school, and will make a toll road out of the Blue study engineering when he goes Ridge Parkway has been schedulto college next fall.

Poultry Leaders

To Hold Meeting

Last year the hens in the poultry flock demonstration in North Carolina gave a return of over \$5.00 per bird above feed cost. If the 65,000 hens in Watauga county should do that well, we would have an income of over \$325,000 for Watauga farmers from eggs alone, not to count the income from sale of birds.

Mr C F Parris in charge Poultry Extension, and other poultry extension specialists will be at the al Park of North Carolina and mailed by local patrons during the courthouse in Boone on Monday Tennessee. month, of which 184,000 passed afternoon, January 17, at 2:00 through the cancelling machine o'clock to help with poultry proand thousands of others which blems. Below is the program that will be followed:

2:00-2:30-Outlook and feed efficiencies for 1955, C. F. Parrish. Ridge Parkway Assn. will meet 2:30-3:00-Respiratory diseases

3:00-3:30 - Lowering mortality next May 1.

Chamber Commerce Sets Goals For Year, Opposes Parkway Toll



SCHOOL BUS LAW REQUIRES BOTH LINES OF TRAFFIC TO HALT.

Safety Officer Urges **Enforcement Bus Law**

Mr. C. E. Jones, of the State school bus is loading or unload-Highway Safety division was in ing. North Carolina transports 470.

town the last of the week, and calls 000 children to school daily, leadparticular attention to the importance of observance of the law ing the nation in this activity and requiring vehicular traffic to stop seven thousand buses travel 280,while school buses are discharg- 000 miles a day.

ing or receiving passengers. Motorists are urged to come to Mr. Jones states that already a complete stop, whichever way this year one child has been killed they are traveling, when they ap and at least two injured due to the proach a school bus in the process failure of motorists to observe the law, which requires traffic going of admitting or discharging childin both directions to stop while a ren.

day in the office of Sen. Ervin (D-NC) will be Conrad Wirth. Direct Appeals Made For March Of Dimes Direct mail appeals for funds to 1953, a total of \$36,050.00 has been

ombat infantile paralysis went out sent to the chapter from the Na-Monday of this week, said Mrs. E. tional Foundation, and \$5,000 was F. Coe and Mrs. W. C. Richardson, raised locally in last year's drive.

co-chairmen of the 1955 March of Dimes for Watauga County. The campaign was launched

tinue to the end of the month. The need for funds is urgent, said R. D. Hodges, Jr., chairman of the Watauga County Chapter of the National Foundation for

Infantile Paralysis. Since January,

Examinations Held For Postoffice Job

Examinations 4 are still being pedic Hospital.

Huge Civic **Program Gets Nod Meeting**

The Boone Chamber of Com merce held its first meeting of the year at noon Tuesday in the new dining room of the Boone Trail Restaurant, with recently-elected President Stanley A. Harris presiding.

Announcing that the theme of the meeting was "What can the Chamber do for Boone in 1955?" President Harris asked each of the seven tables of members to discuss among themselves projects they though should be undertaken during the year, and appoint a spokesman to report those agreed upon to the meeting.

A large number of projects wa suggested. The following list is not necessarily in the order of their support or importance:

Secure a tobacco basket manufacturing plant for Boone.

2. Buy the narrow-gauge railroad engine, "Tweetsie", and re-turn it to Boone.

3. Give encouragement and all assistance possible to the International Resistance Company's Boone plant, and help them to expand and employ more people. 4. Get the proposed National

Guard Armory built. 5. Provide for a more adequate water supply.

6. Around-the-clock police protection, with the addition of a night policeman.

7. Promote a clinic for store and restaurant personnel to enable them to point out the advantages and points of interest to tourists. 8. Secure five selling days per

week for the tobacco market. 9. Support the passage of the North Carolina Automobile Inspection Law.

10. Combine with the Blowing Rock Chamber of Commerce to set up a tourist information center at Deep Gap near the Parkway entrance

11. Provide better recreation facilities, such as a park, swimming pool, etc.

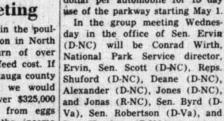
12. Provide "Welcome" billboards on main highways leading into Boone, with names and addresses of churches. 13. Put nameplates on town re-

sidences and rural mail boxes. 14. Erect Neon signs on main

highways directing tourists to Boone and Horn in the West. 15. Extend a formal welcom

from the Chamber to newcomers 16. Tear down undesirable Charles Thomas Harrell, who is a buildings, particularly on King patient in the Asheville Ortho-Street.

17. Extend post office alley through to Queen Street to reliev 18. Try to secure an industry which would employ more men. 19. Give increased support to Appalachian State Teachers Col-



Rep. Harrison (D-VA). The parkway runs from Shenandoah Park of Virginia to the Great Smoky Mountain Nation-

fer."

operation.

and their control, Dr. C. W. Bar- fight against plans to charge tolls

for travel on the parkway starting

Association President W. Doug-

Washington, Jan. 10-A conference between members of Congress from North Carolina and Virginia and National Park Service officials regarding plans to ed for Wednesday. Protests arose from both states

as soon as park service officials announced a plan to charge one dollar per automobile for 15 day use of the parkway starting May 1. In the group meeting Wednes-

(D-NC) will be Conrad Wirth, National Park Service director, Ervin, Sen. Scott (D-NC), Reps. Shuford (D-NC), Deane (D-NC), Alexander (D-NC), Jones (D-NC),

Parkway Association Fights Toll Project

Roanoke, Va., Jan. 10-The Blue here tomorrow to prepare for a

This money, with the exception of the \$4,500 check received last week, has been expended for the Monday, January 3, and will con- hospitalization and care of the 40 polio victims in Watauga County

during the past two years. Some

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p. m. each day.

of the bills, in fact, are still outstanding, said Mr. Hodges, and there is a continuing expense for braces and other needs. At present, there is only one known polio case in the county,

man handier, pick a Christmas tree, tell when it was time for Superior court and keep track of the rising and setting of the sun, as well as the weather Then of course there were the jokes and the conundrums which were read and re-read during the bleak winter nights, and the words of wisdom, between the red covers We bought us a new copy the other day and renewed our faith in the influence of the moon, and the value of the signs of the Zod- iac, and are willing to pass on a bit of the knowledge we gathered;	Marshall Watson officiating. Bur- ial was in the Watson family ceme- tery. She is survived by her husband, Jasper Watson; three sons, Her- man, Levi, and Hoover; six daugh- ters, Mrs. Dewey Hamby, Mrs. Bertha Hawkins, and Della, Clem- mie, Bernice and Minnie Watson, all of Ferguson; three brothers, Millard, Blowing Rock, Charlie and Arthur, both of Boone; two sisters, Mrs. Maggie Gruff, Bristol, Va., and Mrs. Cora Beach, Lenoir; and 15 grandchildren.	Four Repe Amo ductio Ben Bob John Floy Cars Reese. Ano induct to Mrn Watau
MOON RULES We are admonished, in the in-	1.400 Wataı	198

terest of thrift, to have our hair cut in the waning moon Sheep should be sheared during a waxing moon for a heap of fleece . . . Don't butcher hogs when the moon is waning-the meat will shrink when fried Veal butchered in the full moon will swell in the skillet . . Shingle a roof when the horns of on point down-otherwise shingles will turn up . . . Make sauerkraut and killoweeds during decreasing moon . . .

. OTHER ADVICE

Our readers, says Blum's, have found it best to-Select a time when the sign below the waist for dental work. Plant cucumbers first twins in May, Plant beets dark nights in sign

of fish in March. Plant Irish potatoes dark nights

in March. Plant watermelons in Twins in May,

(continued on page four)

r Watauga Boys ort For Service

> ong those reporting for in n in Charlotte Tuesday are: Allen Fox, Vilas. Wilson, Sugar Grove. Rovce Hagaman, Vilas

ther group will appear for ion February 4, according . W. R. Lovill, clerk of the ga Selective Service Board.

d Lee Presnell, Shulls Mills. ion James Smitherman.

a Farmers To Benefit From ACP

With the closing date for signing | national conservation effort, Mr. up in the 1955 Agricultural Conser- Cable urged farmers to cooperate vation Program only twelve days in this nation-wide program to proaway, preliminary reports from the tect and improve the country's soil fourteen communities in Watauga and water resources.

County indicate that approximately The Agricultural Conservation 1,400 Watauga County farmers Program, he explains, provides aswill cooperate in the ACP this sistance to farmers on a share-theyear. This is about 60 per cent cost basis for carrying out essen-of all the farmers in the county tial conservation measures. This

and it compares with the 1,325 assistance serves as an incentive farmers who cooperated in the pro- and makes it possible for farmers gram in 1954. to carry out needed practices. In

Dwight Cable, chairman of the the chairman's words: "In a free County ASC Committee, said that country such as ours where private farmers of Watauga County have ownership of land is a sacred right, until January 25 to get in on the the Agricultural Conservation Pro- Cross will be in Boone Wednesday ground floor and be eligible for gram provides a means for carry- to meet with the board of direcassistance in carrying out soil and ing out a joint responsibility to tors of the Watauga Chapter and water conservation practices under the benefit of both the farmer and other local personnel the 1955 Agricultural Conservation the Nation."

Mills, Jr.

3:30-4:00-Production and care of hatching eggs, W. G. Andrews. 5:00-Questions and answers. We should give poultry more consideration. There is money in chickens if they are properly housed, fed and managed. It doesn't cost too much to get into the poultry business.

Weed Problems **To Be Discussed**

Mr. Harold Nau, Extension Tobacco Specialist, will be here Wednesday morning, January 19, at the courthouse to discuss tobacco problems. He will use colored slides and illustrations. Subjects suggested for discussion are: Plant production, tobacco varieties, fertilization, harvesting and curing, disease and insect control, irrigation.

Tobacco brings in more money did originate. than any other one crop to Watauga farmers. Mr. Nau can tell how to make more from tobacco.

Red Cross Official Visits Watauga Chapter

Miss Antoinette Beasley of Mon-roe, newly-appointed field representative of the American Red

The meeting will be held at

las Kouns of Asheville, N. . C., given for the purpose of esta ing an eligible register for the called the meeting here charging positions of charman, firemanthat the toll proposal by the Nalaborer and substitute clerk-cartional Park Service would "in efrier at the Boone Postoffice. fect, fence the north from the

Acting Postmaster Lyle B. Cook south and both sections will sufasks that those who are interetsed in civil service work, such as men-The scenic mountaintop road tioned, should request application stretches from the Shenandoah blanks at his office and take the National Park near Waynesboro, examinations in the near future. Va. to the Great Smoky Mountains

National Park west of Asheville. The park service announced its **Pansies Bloom** toll charge proposal last week to **In Blowing Rock** help pay costs of maintenance and Blowing Rock' is a pleasant A number of congressmen from place, both winter and summer, both Virginia and North Carolina

according to L. H. Smith, who already have protested the plan. maintains homes both in the resort city and Boone, and sub-President Eisenhower recently mits in proof the fact that he is occasionally gathering pansy blooms from his yard at the told a press conference that he had been assured by Air Force officials that flying saucers were Rock. Likewise in Boone buds are not descending on the earth from outer space. This left the inference being seen on certain shrubs, that the saucers were terrestrial, despite the fact that we thought bue he was not asked where they this winter had been the worst

in years.

Burley Market Resumes Sales; Record Last Season Is Passed

The Boone Tobacco market re- Harris, spokesman for the market, the closing of the market, but in-umed sales Wednesday, January About 3½ million pounds have al- dications are that it will close eith-5, following the Christmas holiday. ready been sold, he said. With sales of approximately The quality of the tobacco has first of next week. Mr. Coleman 900,000 pounds of burley tobacco been down somewhat since Christ- urged farmers to bring the rein the three selling days since the mas, said R. C. Coleman, operator mainder of their crop in as cutive of Winston-Salem. market reopened, the Boone mar- of the market, but grade for grade, soon as possible to be sure of get-Program. Because building of the soil for future needs is a vital part of the local ASC office. Chairman Cable urges farmers Because building of the soil for for the year's work will be discuss-for the year's work will be discuss-f

Those who have received appeals by mail are asked to send traffic congestion on King Street. their contributions as promptly as possible. Any person who did not receive a letter may address donations to March of Dimes, Box 609, Boone, N. C. All contributions to aid in this important work will be most gratefully received, said Mr.

Boone Weather

By JOHN BOWEN HAMILTON

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.02; Jan. 7 .10; Jan. 10 .19.

Precipitation: Jan. 5 .15; Jan.

Present reading was taken at

20. Encourage the private building of swimming pools, boating and fishing ponds throughout the Hodges and the co-chairmen of the county. drive, Mrs. Coe and Mrs. Richard-

Low Present

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21. Increase efforts to secure Health Center building. 22. Try to complete new road to Linville, and Highway 603 to Elizabethton, Tenn.

23. Place signs at all Parkway outlets, directing traffic to Boone 24. Promote a general county, as well as city, cleanup program.

In other business, it was agreed to petition the state legislature to allow the issuance of daily and weekly fishing permits, for the convenience of tourists and visi tors.

The group also voted to adopt and send to our representatives in the state legislature a resolution opposing the proposed toll for notorists using the Parkway.

Training Meeting

For Scouts Is Held

The second in a series of training meeting for Cub Scouts and their parents was held Monday at 7:30 p. m. in the Boone Baptist Church. The discussion was led er the last of this week or the by Joe Davenport, field scout exe-The third and final meeting of