

## High School Band Students To Attend Annual Clinic In Boone

Plans are now complete for the annual Northwestern Division of the All State Band Clinic which will be held on the campus of Appalachian State Teachers College Friday and Saturday, January 21 and 22.

A concert will be given on Saturday, January 22, in the Fine Arts Building at 7:30 P. M., and the public is invited.

Conducting the clinic band will be Herbert Carter, director of bands at East Carolina College in Greenville. Mr. Carter is well known in the state as a conductor of clinics and as a judge for the band and solo and ensemble contests held each year.

The band students, as in previous clinics, will come from high school bands from the surrounding counties, including Watauga. Each high school band will be represented by four to five bandmen to make a total number of about 96 members. Because the enrollment at the college has grown so much this year it will be necessary to house the students in the homes again.

Ted Barnett is in charge of arranging housing for the visiting students. If you have an extra room and care to entertain a student for one night, you are asked to contact either Mr. Barnett or William G. Spencer, who is acting as clinic chairman this year.

### KING STREET

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#### 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 surprise 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 infallible. 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 snowbirds 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-gauge 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 Almanac.

#### 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, keep the piggies from chilling, bake a better cake, make a handy 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 Zodiac, and are willing to pass on a bit of the knowledge we gathered;

#### MOON RULES

We are admonished, in the interest 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. Veal butchered in the full moon will swell in the skillet. Shingle a roof when the horns of moon point down—otherwise shingles will turn up. Make sauerkraut and kill weeds during decreasing moon.

#### OTHER ADVICE

Our readers, says Blum's, have found it best to—  
Select a time when the sign is 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 signs of Twins in May.  
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## ROTARY BOYS FOR JANUARY ARE CHOSEN

The Rotary Boys for January 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, and editor of the annual. He has been a member of the student council four years, member of the annual staff three years, played football four years and won three letters, played basketball two years 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 study engineering when he goes to 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. Parrish, in charge Poultry Extension, and other poultry extension specialists will be at the courthouse in Boone on Monday afternoon, January 17, at 2:00 o'clock to help with poultry problems. Below is the program that will be followed:

- 2:00-2:30—Outlook and feed efficiencies for 1955, C. F. Parrish.
- 2:30-3:00—Respiratory diseases and their control, Dr. C. W. Barber.
- 3:00-3:30—Lowering mortality and producing good pullets, W. C. 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.

## Red Cross Official Visits Watauga Chapter

Miss Antoinette Beasley of Monroe, newly-appointed field representative of the American Red Cross will be in Boone Wednesday to meet with the board of directors of the Watauga Chapter and other local personnel.

# Chamber Commerce Sets Goals For Year, Opposes Parkway Toll



SCHOOL BUS LAW REQUIRES BOTH LINES OF TRAFFIC TO HALT.

## Leaders Fight Proposal For Toll On Parkway

Washington, Jan. 10—A conference between members of Congress from North Carolina and Virginia and National Park Service officials regarding plans to make a toll road out of the Blue Ridge Parkway has been scheduled 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 Wednesday in the office of Sen. Ervin (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), and Jonas (R-NC), Sen. Byrd (D-Va.), Sen. Robertson (D-Va.), and Rep. Harrison (D-Va.).

## Parkway Association Fights Toll Project

Roanoke, Va., Jan. 10—The Blue Ridge Parkway Assn. will meet here tomorrow to prepare for a fight against plans to charge tolls for travel on the parkway starting next May 1.

Association President W. Douglas Kouns of Asheville, N. C., called the meeting here charging that the toll proposal by the National Park Service would "in effect, fence the north from the south and both sections will suffer."

The scenic mountaintop road stretches from the Shenandoah National Park near Waynesboro, Va. to the Great Smoky Mountains National Park west of Asheville. The park service announced its toll charge proposal last week to help pay costs of maintenance and operation.

A number of congressmen from both Virginia and North Carolina already have protested the plan.

President Eisenhower recently told a press conference that he had been assured by Air Force officials that flying saucers were not descending on the earth from outer space. This left the inference that the saucers were terrestrial, but he was not asked where they did originate.

## Safety Officer Urges Enforcement Bus Law

Mr. C. E. Jones, of the State Highway Safety division was in town the last of the week, and calls particular attention to the importance of observance of the law requiring vehicular traffic to stop while school buses are discharging or receiving passengers.

Mr. Jones states that already this year one child has been killed and at least two injured due to the failure of motorists to observe the law, which requires traffic going in both directions to stop while a

school bus is loading or unloading.

North Carolina transports 470,000 children to school daily, leading the nation in this activity and seven thousand buses travel 280,000 miles a day.

Motorists are urged to come to a complete stop, whichever way they are traveling, when they approach a school bus in the process of admitting or discharging children.

## Direct Appeals Made For March Of Dimes

Direct mail appeals for funds to combat infantile paralysis went out Monday of this week, said Mrs. E. F. Coe and Mrs. W. C. Richardson, co-chairmen of the 1955 March of Dimes for Watauga County.

The campaign was launched Monday, January 3, and will continue 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,

1953, a total of \$36,050.00 has been sent to the chapter from the National Foundation, and \$5,000 was raised locally in last year's drive.

This money, with the exception of the \$4,500 check received last week, has been expended for the hospitalization and care of the 40 polio victims in Watauga County during the past two years.

Some 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, Charles Thomas Harrell, who is a patient in the Asheville Orthopedic Hospital.

Those who have received appeals by mail are asked to send 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. Hodges and the co-chairmen of the drive, Mrs. Coe and Mrs. Richardson.

## Examinations Held For Postoffice Job

Examinations are still being given for the purpose of establishing an eligible register for the positions of charman, fireman-laborer and substitute clerk-carrier at the Boone Postoffice.

Acting Postmaster Lyle B. Cook asks that those who are interested in civil service work, such as mentioned, should request application blanks at his office and take the examinations in the near future.

## Pansies Bloom In Blowing Rock

Blowing Rock is a pleasant place, both winter and summer, according to L. H. Smith, who maintains homes both in the resort city and Boone, and submits in proof the fact that he is occasionally gathering pansy blooms from his yard at the Rock.

Likewise in Boone buds are being seen on certain shrubs, despite the fact that we thought this winter had been the worst in years.

## Huge Civic Program Gets Nod Meeting

The Boone Chamber of Commerce 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 thought should be undertaken during the year, and appoint a spokesman to report those agreed upon to the meeting.

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

1. Secure a tobacco basket manufacturing plant for Boone.
2. Buy the narrow-gauge railroad engine, "Tweetsie", and return 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 residences and rural mail boxes.
14. Erect Neon signs on main highways directing tourists to Boone and Horn in the West.
15. Extend a formal welcome from the Chamber to newcomers.
16. Tear down undesirable buildings, particularly on King Street.
17. Extend post office alley through to Queen Street to relieve traffic congestion on King Street.
18. Try to secure an industry which would employ more men.
19. Give increased support to Appalachian State Teachers College.
20. Encourage the private building of swimming pools, boating and fishing ponds throughout the county.
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.

## Training Meeting For Scouts Is Held

The second in a series of training meetings for Cub Scouts and their parents was held Monday at 7:30 p. m. in the Boone Baptist Church. The discussion was led by Joe Davenport, field scout executive of Winston-Salem.

# Burley Market Resumes Sales; Record Last Season Is Passed

The Boone Tobacco market resumed sales Wednesday, January 5, following the Christmas holiday.

With sales of approximately 900,000 pounds of burley tobacco in the three selling days since the market reopened, the Boone market has already surpassed the entire 1953-54 season's sales by 4 to 500,000 pounds, said Stanley A.

Harris, spokesman for the market. About 3 1/2 million pounds have already been sold, he said.

The quality of the tobacco has been down somewhat since Christmas, said R. C. Coleman, operator of the market, but grade for grade, the prices have been as good as before the holidays.

No definite date has been set for the closing of the market, but indications are that it will close either the last of this week or the first of next week. Mr. Coleman urged farmers to bring the remainder of their crop in as soon as possible to be sure of getting a sale. Tobacco received before noon of any selling day will be sold the same day, he said.