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# WATAUGA DEMOCRAT

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**BOONE WEATHER**

Date	High	Low
June 7	67	48
June 8	69	47
June 9	63	45
June 10	66	50
June 11	66	53
June 12	69	47
June 13	69	49

Rate: June 9, 1.50; 11, 30; 12, 20; 13, 20.

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## Health Work Curtailed, Says Dr. Michael; Budget Cut Cited

### County Gives \$9,080 To Public Health Budget

The board of county commissioners has tentatively budgeted \$9,080 to the District Health Department.

In connection with the cut of \$2,400 from the previous year, Mr. Arlie Walsh, chairman of the board, gives the following breakdown of individual county contributions, Federal and State receipts for the District:

Alleghany: State \$4,524, Federal \$391, County \$4,200.

Ashe: State \$7,549, Federal \$1,229, County \$8,000.

Watauga: State \$6,532, Federal \$975, County \$9,080.

Watauga county, Mr. Walsh points out, has been paying \$11,480 as against \$8,000 for Ashe county.

Mr. Walsh states that Watauga county is thus contributing more of the taxpayers' money actually, and on a population basis than any county in the district, and receives less from the State and Federal governments in proportion to the population.

### John Johnson Dies In Roanoke

John A. Johnson, 84, former Watauga, died at the home of a daughter, Mrs. O. E. Hollar in Roanoke, Va., last Saturday.

Funeral services were conducted Monday from the St. John's Church at Valle Crucis by Rev. W. C. Payne, and burial was in the church cemetery.

Surviving are a son, Marion Johnson, Boone, and a daughter, Mrs. O. E. Hollar, Roanoke, Va.

## Citizens Being Offered Free X-Rays; Perils Of TB Cited

Every adult 15 years of age and over will be offered free chest X-rays June 16 through 18, Blowing Rock, and June 21 through July 5, Boone, in a drive to uncover every

unknown case of tuberculosis and prevent spread of the disease in this area.

Every case of tuberculosis is estimated to cost the community \$14,000 to \$15,000. The farther advanced the case, the more difficult and costly it is to cure. The majority of people x-rayed during the survey will have clear films indicating that their lungs are sound. Most of the cases of tuberculosis found, will be in the early stage. If early cases of TB remain unknown and untreated, they progress of a more serious stage, when they are more difficult to cure and sometimes fatal. Undiscovered TB is a danger to the community as well as to the victim himself, since tuberculosis is communicable at any stage of its active career.

Tuberculosis can effect all parts of the body and show as many different symptoms. It can, in fact, show no symptoms at all.

Even in one area, the chest for example, tuberculosis can take on different personalities. One type moves insidiously in the early stages, coming into the open only after months of activity. Another type moves swiftly from infection to acute disease. Still a third—and far from uncommon type—progresses lazily for years without apparent symptoms, causing no par-

ticular discomfort to alarm its victims.

This last type of TB is not as harmless as it sounds. As it gradually broods down through the lungs, it tends to involve large areas. Ignored because it gives its host very little trouble, it may suddenly convert into an acute, rapidly progressive form of tuberculosis. Treatment begun at this point, when the patient is obviously very ill, may be able to arrest the disease and prevent death. But the victim may spend the rest of his life as a semi-invalid.

Tuberculosis can never be taken lightly, as "just a mild case." Just because the typical symptoms are not present in this insidious type, does not mean that no harm is being done. Not only is the disease spreading more widely within the lung, it may spread outside. Those with whom the patient comes in daily contact, his family, friends, and business associates, are threatened with infection. Treatment should always be started as soon as tuberculosis is discovered.

The disease can be discovered, even though there may be no symptoms to send the victim of "lazy TB" running to the doctor, by getting a chest x-ray. You and your family, friends, neighbors, now have the opportunity to get your chest x-rayed free. If it now,

## Singing On Mountain Is Set For June 26th

The thirty-first annual singing on the mountain, which draws thousands to the slopes of the Grandfather mountain, will be held Sunday, June 26th.

The announcement is made by J. L. Hartley, singing convention chairman, who originated the popular summer event.

Hon. Charles R. Jonas, tenth district Representative, will speak, together with other prominent citizens, and all singing classes in North Carolina, Tennessee and Virginia are invited.

The famous Harvester's Quartet and Arthur Smith and His Cracker-

jacks will sing and play. "There will be plenty on the ground to feed a multitude," chairman Hartley says.

The program starts at 9 a. m. and closes at 8 p. m.

### Graham To Start Meeting May 26

The Rev. Dan Graham will begin a series of meetings at the Gospel Tabernacle in Boone Sunday, May 26, at 8 p. m.

The meetings will continue daily at the same hour indefinitely.



McGUIRE

## Scholarship At UNC Is Awarded Boone Student

Roger K. McGuire, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. W. McGuire of Boone, has been awarded a scholarship at the University of North Carolina.

Mr. McGuire, an honor graduate of Appalachian High School last month, will enter the University in September.

The award is given "in recognition of his good scholastic attainment, character, and promise of future leadership, and as an indication of the University's desire to encourage him to continue his formal education and service to his home community and the State of North Carolina."

## Silver Spurs, Teenagers, To Appear In City

The Silver Spurs, nationally known teen-age western dance group composed of twenty high school pupils of Spokane, Wash., will appear at the men's gymnasium Friday, June 17, at 7:30.

Staged as part of the lyceum series at the college, the entertainment is given without cost to the public.

The dance group has appeared throughout the Pacific Northwest and Western Canada and is now on a nation-wide tour, traveling overland by chartered bus.

Their performance presents a colorful full-length show, in costume, of Early American and English dances, Mexican, cowboy, Filipino, South American and other colorful dances.

Edwin S. Henderson, the director, is a graduate of the State College of Washington and is physical education consultant for the public schools in Spokane and supervisor of the Spokane Park Board recreation program.

The audience is invited to dance with these youngsters after the show.

## Child Is Bitten By Rabid Dog

Sharon Rosenbaum, 7 of Route 1, was bitten on the face by her dog Monday night, and the Health Department says the animal has been clinically diagnosed as being rabid by Dr. Martin.

The child has started taking the series of 21 injections of anti-rabies serum, the Department says.



**TWENTY-THOUSANDTH PATIENT**—Mrs. Georgina Winebarger Phillips, admitted to Watauga Hospital June 5, was the 20,000th patient to be cared for at the local institution. Mrs. Phillips is shown with her infant daughter, Cheryl Patricia, born at the hospital at 11:25 a. m. In line with a former decision of the board of directors, the 20,000th patient received free hospitalization. The family physician also contributed his services.—Democrat staff photo Joe Minor.

## Mountain Folk Dominate Cast Of 'Horn' Says Kai Jurgensen

### First Wool Pool Brings \$15,826

The Watauga Wool Pool purchased 30,479 pounds of wool last Wednesday and sold it to Fred Whitaker Company, Ridge Avenue and Scotts Lane, Philadelphia, Pa., for a total of \$15,826.94.

James H. Caldwell, agent for the purchasing company, supervises the weighing of the wool.

The wool graded and sold as follows:

Clear—29,566 lbs., at \$52.60 per hundred, total \$15,547.50.

Light burry, 199 lbs. at \$47.60, total \$94.72.

Heavy burry, 12 lbs., at \$35.60, for \$4.27.

Black and dead, 151 lbs., at \$42.90, \$64.33.

Lambs wool, 156 lbs., at \$42.60, \$66.45.

Tags, 393 lbs., at \$12.00, \$47.16.

## Winters Named Priest In Charge Of Holy Cross

The Rev. Rhett Y. Winters Jr., has been named priest-in-charge of Holy Cross Episcopal Church, Valle Crucis, and he began his duties there last week.

Mr. Winters comes to Holy Cross from Murphy where he was priest-in-charge of the Church of the Messiah, St. Barnabas, and the Church of the Holy Comforter, Andrews. He also is chairman of the Rural Workers Fellowship of the Episcopal Diocese of Western North Carolina.

At Valle Crucis he will have charge of St. John's, Lower Watauga; and St. Anthony's Dutch Creek.

He is a graduate of the University of North Carolina, and of the Virginia Theological Seminary. He is now in residence at the rectory with his wife and two children.

Mr. Winters succeeds Capt. Thomas G. Wheat of the Church Army, who has been assigned to Burke County where he will have charge of St. Stephen's, Morgantown; St. Paul's, Burke County, and St. Mary's, Quaker Meadows.

## Warren Cutts Goes To Kent U.

Warren Cutts left today for Kent, Ohio, where he has accepted a position as assistant professor of Elementary Education at Kent State University. His new duties at Kent State begin June 20.

Dean Robert White, head of the Department of Education, has disclosed that Mr. Cutts is expected to head the reading program at Kent State and that this summer he will teach courses in remedial reading, language arts and tests and measurement.

During his three years in Boone Mr. Cutts has served as associate professor of Education at Appalachian State Teachers College and as critic teacher in the fifth and eighth grades of the Laboratory School.

Mr. Cutts and family will make their home for the summer at 311 Lincoln street in Kent.



**SIXTEEN YEARS OF COMMUNITY SERVICE**—Herman W. Wilcox, president of the Boone Chamber of Commerce for 16 years, and now honorary president, is shown just before receiving a certificate of appreciation from Dr. D. J. Whitener. The certificate was presented by the Boone Lions Club at their regular meeting last week at which Mr. Wilcox was the honored guest. Mr. Wilcox retired as active head of the local chamber at the beginning of this year.—Democrat staff photo Joe Minor.

## Democratic Slate To Be Unopposed Tuesday

The city election is to be held next Tuesday, and so far no ticket has been announced in opposition to the Democratic slate.

Mayor Gordon H. Winkler, is running for re-election, as are Grady Tugman and Howard Cottrell, aldermen, Grady Moretz, who had served on the board eight years, withdrew his name from

## Exchange Students On Jalopy Tour Of Nation

Blowing Rock—At the hour of noon the dilapidated car, coughing and chugging, stopped in front of Playground Park in Blowing Rock. Four husky young men, very blond and wind-blown, erupted from the inner regions of the jalopy and began to examine the wiring of the motor. After some friendly argument a wire was tightened and engine started with a roar. Joyfully they crowded through the one door that was not completely blocked with luggage and started to move away from the curb.

But a call from a gracious lady who had been watching their maneuvers stopped them. It seemed that they had more trouble—a tire fast going flat. Once more debarking they sadly viewed this new catastrophe. The gracious lady came across to give them advice about the nearest repair shop. She at once realized that while their English was grammatically perfect it was richly flavored with a foreign accent.

Others gathered about and heard the young men explain that they were exchange students from Norway and Denmark who had just finished their year's study at New York University. They had purchased the derelict for \$200 and were on a two months' trip seeing America. They hoped to visit 36 states via of California, thence back to New York to catch their homeward bound ship in early August. They seemed a bit doubtful about their money or their tires lasting for the scheduled trip.

While this story was unfolding one of Blowing Rock's Ministering Angels slipped away and called a nearby garage to bring them a new tire and also repair their old one; all to be charged to her account. This was soon done and the foursome joined wildly in expressing their deep gratitude in both English and Scandinavian.

The gracious lady urged them to remain as her guests at her hotel for a day or two. This they regretfully declined saying that they must keep as nearly on schedule as possible, which meant Asheville or Knoxville for the night.

They were very youngish looking to be graduates of a law school; but they were exchange law graduates from the University of Oslo and the University of Copenhagen. They had come to America to make a comparative study of our laws and those of their own countries.

They were given courtesy cards to see some of the scenic wonders of the area, and departed with

## Boone People, College Grads Are Favored

Horn in the West, an outdoor show that is often called "an expression of highland people," has a staff and cast this season made up of more than half mountain residents.

Kai Jurgensen, director, calls Horn in the West the "most local show" in the outdoor drama circuit. The speaking parts, he points out, are assigned chiefly to Boone people or those who have attended Appalachian State Teachers College here. The other roles of dancers, signers and villagers, are dominated also by local players. Only on the technical staff is the weight in favor of lowlanders.

Throughout the entire cast and staff, only two or three are out-of-state residents who have not attended a North Carolina college or university.

Heading the long list of outdoor drama stars who reported for rehearsals here last week is Charles Elledge, a high school principal from Marion, who will have the leading role of Daniel Boone. This is his fourth season with the drama, his first in the leading spot.

Robert Thomas, who at 6 feet 5 inches towers over the big Elledge, will play Dr. Geoffrey Stuart, a part almost equal in importance to the role of Boone. Thomas is from Oxford. He returns to the "Horn" after two years' absence.

Other local players include William Ross, also playing his fourth year, in the role of the vicious Colonel Mackenzie; Rogers Whitener, now a resident of Lakeland, Florida, playing Toby Miller; Carl Clarke, a former Appalachian football star, as Jack Stuart; Glenn Causey, another Appalachian athlete, as the Rev. Doak; Jones L. (Pete) Storie, a newcomer to the cast, as Chief Atakulla, and Billy Bingham, Jr., a local grade school youngster, as Davy Stuart.

Two Oklahomans have prominent parts. Martha Hardy of Clearwater returns after a year's absence to take on the role of Martha Stuart again. Ruth Arrington, Miami, a one-fourth Creek Indian, will play the part of the strange Indian princess, Nancy Ward. The former was a member of the Carolina Playmakers. Miss Arrington became interested in the show while attending Appalachian.

Nancy Green of Chapel Hill and Winston-Salem will take the part of Rebecca Boone in her second year with the show. Irvine Smith, an assistant professor at Dickinson College, Carlisle, Pennsylvania, returns to the drama to play Col. John Sevier. Frank Jones of Lakeland, Florida, returns as the Indian interpreter. Roger Grier, a Gastonia cotton broker, is back to portray Governor William Tryon.

Patricia Gibson of Fayetteville will be assigned the part of the Quaker girl, Mary.

Other parts in the show include: Indian dancers—Bill Costanza, lead dancer, of Boston, Mass.; Clyde Austin, Robert Bingham, Joe Edmisten, Jack Neal, and William Lawing, all of Boone; and Morris Branch, Hickory; Jim Martin, Gastonia; and March Jamison of Buies Creek.

Chorus—Jan Saxon, Charlotte; Patricia Seitz, Chapel Hill; Mabel Smith, Buies Creek; Nancy Page Smith, Carlisle, Pennsylvania; Carol Whitener, Lakeland, Florida; Lynne Zimmerman, Marshall; Jean Armstrong, Belmont; Joseph Fields, Lincoln; and Jim Pruet.

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## College Trustees Meet To Talk Of New Prexy

The board of trustees, in session on the college campus Tuesday afternoon, accepted the resignation of Dr. B. B. Dougherty, president and co-founder of the institution, and are discussing the selection of his successor.

It is expected that Dean J. D. Rankin will serve as president for a few months until the permanent election occurs. The Dean is also considering early retirement, it is said.

President Dougherty, who had been ill, submitted his resignation to the trustees last month, but the board withheld acceptance.

General opinion is that while the trustees will discuss fully the applicants for the presidency as one will be elected until later in the summer.