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July 5	82	57	68	1.02
July 6	85	56	67	22
July 7	72	52	59	33
July 8	76	50	57	25
July 9	70	53	57	14
July 10	74	61	64	
July 11	72	60	63	46

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Andrews Reelected President Retailer Group At Annual Meet

The Boone Merchants Association held its annual Ladies Night and election of officers meeting Monday evening in the dining room of the Boone Trail Restaurant.

Glenn R. Andrews, who has served for the past two years, was re-elected president for the coming year.

The meeting was called to order by the president and the invocation was led by the Rev. E. F. Troutman.

Following an enjoyable dinner, progress reports were heard from committee chairmen Paul Coffey, Cecil Miller, Russell D. Hodges, J. V. Caudill, Paul Winkler, and W. H. Gragg.

Five representatives of the Sun Life Assurance Company of Canada were introduced by W. H. Gragg. They were E. D. Lord, Atlanta, Ga.; D. W. Cornell, Greensboro; O. L. Newton, Atlanta, Ga.; D. B. Elam, Winston-Salem; and Pat Boles, Atlanta.

Mr. Boles explained the group life insurance plan the association has adopted. The insurance men will be in Boone the balance of this week visiting members relative to joining the plan. Seventy-five per cent of the membership is required to put the plan into operation, Mr. Boles said.

A report of the nominating committee was made by Chairman W. W. Chester, and the following officers were elected:

President, Glenn R. Andrews; vice-president, J. V. Caudill; treasurer, W. W. Chester; board of directors, Farris Bumgarner, H. W. Mast, Jr., Ira Ayers, Cecil Miller, Russell Hodges, Roy Ruffy, Fred Church, and J. C. Goodnight.

Paul Coffey is chairman of the collections committee; Paul Winkler, chairman of the fire prevention and insurance committee; Cecil Miller, chairman of the membership committee; and W. W. Chester, chairman of the sales promotion committee.

Special guest, Thompson Greenwood of Raleigh, secretary of the North Carolina Merchants Association, presided at the installation ceremonies, and presented President Andrews with a loving cup won by the Boone association for registering the greatest increase in membership in North Carolina. He was introduced by Stanley A. Harris.

Clyde R. Greene was named as the association's representative on the state board.

Scouts Attend Summer Camp

Boone Boy Scouts are well represented at the summer camp now in session under the sponsorship of the Old Hickory Council. The camp is the second held at the new site at Raven's Knob.

Tommy Owsley of Boone is serving as a waterfront instructor at the camp. Nine members of Troop 109 of the Boone Methodist Church left for Raven's Knob on Sunday, July 10. They include Sam Tully, Linnaeus Derrick, Reed Cottrell, Charles Harmon, Joe Minor, Jimmy Goodnight, Raymond Smith, Bobby Yoder and Ben Miller.

Some of the above group will remain for only one week. Those who will remain longer will be joined on July 17 by Grant Ayers Jr., Ford King, King Triplett and Ned Vines, also of Troop 109.

Annual Pet Show Is Set For Today

The third annual Pet Show will be staged on the College Athletic Field on Thursday, July 14, at 4:30. Any person having pets of any description can enter by bringing them to the field at this time.

There will be six classifications of pets such as dogs, cats, rabbits, birds, amphibious, and other types of pets. All dogs must be on leash when shown.

Prizes will be given for the following, prettiest, ugliest, most unusual, largest, smallest, best man-used, best trick or stunt, and cutest.

If these classifications do not fit your pet bring it and we will have a classification to fit. Every child will receive a prize.

GOOD WILL CHICKS

Harrisonburg, Va.—Rockingham County, Virginia, is sending 35,000 baby chicks to Greece. They are being sent as gifts from individuals, church schools and service clubs to serve as goodwill ambassadors from this country to Greece.

Power Co. Officials Heard At Chamber Meet



REAPPOINTED—Mr. H. Grady Farthing has received notice from Governor Hodges of his reappointment as a member of the State Stream Sanitation Committee for a term to expire July 11, 1961. Mr. Farthing was first appointed to the committee by Governor Scott four years ago.

Social Security Bills Approved

Congressman Hugh Alexander stated today that the bills he had introduced in the Congress providing for liberalization of the Social Security Act have been considered and acted upon by the Committee on Ways and Means. The Congressman stated that the committee has officially informed him today that the proposals contained in his bills—H. R. 6935 and H. R. 6936—have been adopted by the committee and incorporated as part of the new Social Security legislation.

H. R. 6935 lowers from sixty-five to sixty-two the age at which women may become eligible for Social Security benefits. The bill also provides for payment of benefits to covered workers, age fifty or over, who become permanently and totally disabled.

The second bill, H. R. 6936 provides for the continued payment of children's benefits to disabled persons over the age of eighteen years who are otherwise eligible for benefits.

Congressman Alexander further stated that it is expected the Committee on Ways and Means will report a bill to the Floor of the House, incorporating the foregoing and other amendments to the Social Security Act, within the next few days.

Red Cross Meet Set For Friday

The annual meeting of the Watauga County Chapter, American Red Cross, will be held at 12:30 p. m., Friday, July 22, at the Gateway Restaurant in Boone. All members and interested persons are requested to attend.

Farm Loan Leaders Hold Workshop Conference

Officers and directors of five national farm loan associations handling loans for the Federal Land Bank of Columbia in western North Carolina held a workshop conference at the Daniel Boone Hotel at Boone, July 7 and 8.

S. C. Eggers, the president of Boone Farm Loan Association and with John H. Hollar, secretary-treasurer of the Boone association, was in charge of conference arrangements.

Associations represented in the group, in addition to the Boone association, are Asheville, Shelby, Charlotte and Statesville.

Claude T. Hall, of Roxboro, chairman of the Farm Credit Board of Columbia, spoke at the dinner session, and Rufus R. Clarke, president of the Columbia Land Bank, made a report on the progress of the bank and the associations and outline objectives.

Others taking part on the program will be D. M. Dowdell, vice-

The Boone Chamber of Commerce, at its July meeting held at noon Tuesday in the Gateway Restaurant, heard McKinley Ayers and Robert Beachley, of the New River Light & Power Company, explain details of the recent power increase here from 2400 volts to 4160 volts.

Mr. Ayers traced the growth of the company from one small hydro-generator with a capacity of 75KW to its present plant with a capacity of 1,000KW. He said the latest changeover was necessitated by the addition of several new industrial customers, including the IRC plant, plus more than 100 new homes in Boone last year and so far this year.

Mr. Beachley said the lines were approaching overloaded conditions at many points. The changeover, effected July 28, required 127 separate operations, he said, and was performed by six crews beginning at 4:30 a. m. in order to cause the least inconvenience to customers. The entire town was back in service in about three hours, he said.

The capacity of the local plant is now three times that of a month ago, he added.

Special guests were five representatives of the Sun Life Assurance Company of Canada, who are here to explain a group life insurance plan recently adopted by the Merchants Association, subject to individual acceptance by its members. They also attended the Ladies Night meeting of the Merchants Association Monday night and explained the plan. Seventy-five per cent of the membership is required to put the plan into operation.

The representatives, who have set up headquarters in the rear office of the Watauga Savings & Loan Association, will be here for several days to call on merchants and explain the plan. They are E. D. Lord, Atlanta, Ga.; D. B. Elam, Winston-Salem; D. W. Connell, Greensboro; O. L. Newton, Atlanta; and Pat Boles, Atlanta.

Other guests at the meeting were Mr. Hudson, who operates the new attraction, Mystery Hill, between Boone and Blowing Rock, introduced by President Stanley A. Harris, and Coach Brightenstein, football coach of the University of Miami, who has recently purchased a summer home here. He was introduced by John Kirk, of the ASTC coaching staff.

Wm. H. Greene Taken By Death

William Henry Greene, 79, resident of Route 2, died Saturday in Watauga Hospital.

Funeral was held Tuesday at 11 at the Howard's Creek Baptist Church and burial was in the Jont Brown cemetery on Meat Camp. The Rev. W. C. Payne and the Rev. Ed Hodges were in charge of the rites.

Surviving are one son, and one daughter: Lee Greene, Route 2, Boone; Mrs. Ella Baker, Granite Falls.

Postal Gains Made For Year

Postal receipts at the Boone postoffice for the 1955 fiscal year are more than five thousand dollars greater than for the fiscal year 1954, says Lyle B. Cook, Acting Postmaster.

The 1955 receipts are \$53,453.88, as compared with \$48,122.68 for 1954.

The six months calendar postal receipts, from January 30 to June 30 are also well ahead of the same period last year, says Mr. Cook. In January-June 1954 receipts were \$21,287.12. This year for the same period receipts were \$25,054.30, an increase of \$3,767.27.

Rites Are Held For Mrs. Hodges

Mrs. Julia Evelyn Hodges, 82, resident of Route 3, died Tuesday evening of last week. Funeral services were held at the Advent Christian Church Thursday at 2:30 by the Rev. George Arthur and the Rev. S. E. Gragg and burial was in Pine Grove cemetery in the Poplar Grove section.

Folk Festival Well Attended; Talent Is Needed

The Daniel Boone Folk Festival, staged every Saturday afternoon at the Horn theatre grounds by Richard Chase, noted folklore authority, is drawing increasingly large crowds.

From two to four hundred have been in attendance at these programs which feature a puppet show, children's singing, games, renditions of ballads and ancient folksongs.

Many local vocalists and stringed musicians appeared on the program last Saturday, a special feature being tale-telling by Stanley Hicks, one of the sources for the "Jack Tales" popularized by Mr. Chase.

Folk games and country dances are also featured at the festival which gets under way at 3 o'clock each Saturday. Limited seating space makes early arrival advisable.

Mr. Chase says that especially needed are local banjo pickers and fiddlers. Vocalists who know the old sacred songs are also wanted.

Old handicrafts are shown and quilts of the old patterns would be welcome. Old tools, like a frow, and demonstrations of board riving would be interesting.

Mr. Chase says the festivals are held strictly as a matter of entertainment and to make known the old ways to the new generation. He is also interested in the old songs, which he believes can never die if they can be heard occasionally.

District Road Work For June Reported Today

Raleigh—The State Highway Commission completed 3.35 miles of road improvements in the Eleventh Highway Division during June, Commissioner W. Ralph Winkler of Boone reported today.

In Avery, two roads, 13 feet wide, were graded, drained and graveled by State forces as follows: Dark Holler Road, 0.55 mile; and Old Three Mile Road, for 0.65 of a mile.

In Caldwell, Grand View Park county road was paved with traffic bound macadam and treated with calcium chloride for 0.6 of a mile. The road is 16 feet wide. Mt. Hermon County road was rebuilt and widened from 20 to 30 feet. The road was paved with traffic bound macadam and bituminous surface treated for 0.45 of a mile. State forces did the work.

In Watauga, Hound Ears Road near Camp Yonahlossee was graded, drained and graveled for 1.1 miles by State forces. The county road is 12 feet wide.

Caldwell, Alleghany, Ashe, Avery, Surry, Watauga, Wilkes, and Yadkin Counties compose the Eleventh Highway Division. Division headquarters are in North Wilkesboro. J. H. Council is division engineer. J. E. Doughton is assistant division engineer.

Child Is Hurt In Mountain Fall

Morganton.—Six-year-old John Holton, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Holton of the Rutherford College section of Burke county, was seriously injured at 2:30 p. m. Sunday when he tumbled down a mountainside as the family was preparing to spread a picnic lunch at Fox Camp on Highway 181 eighteen miles north of here.

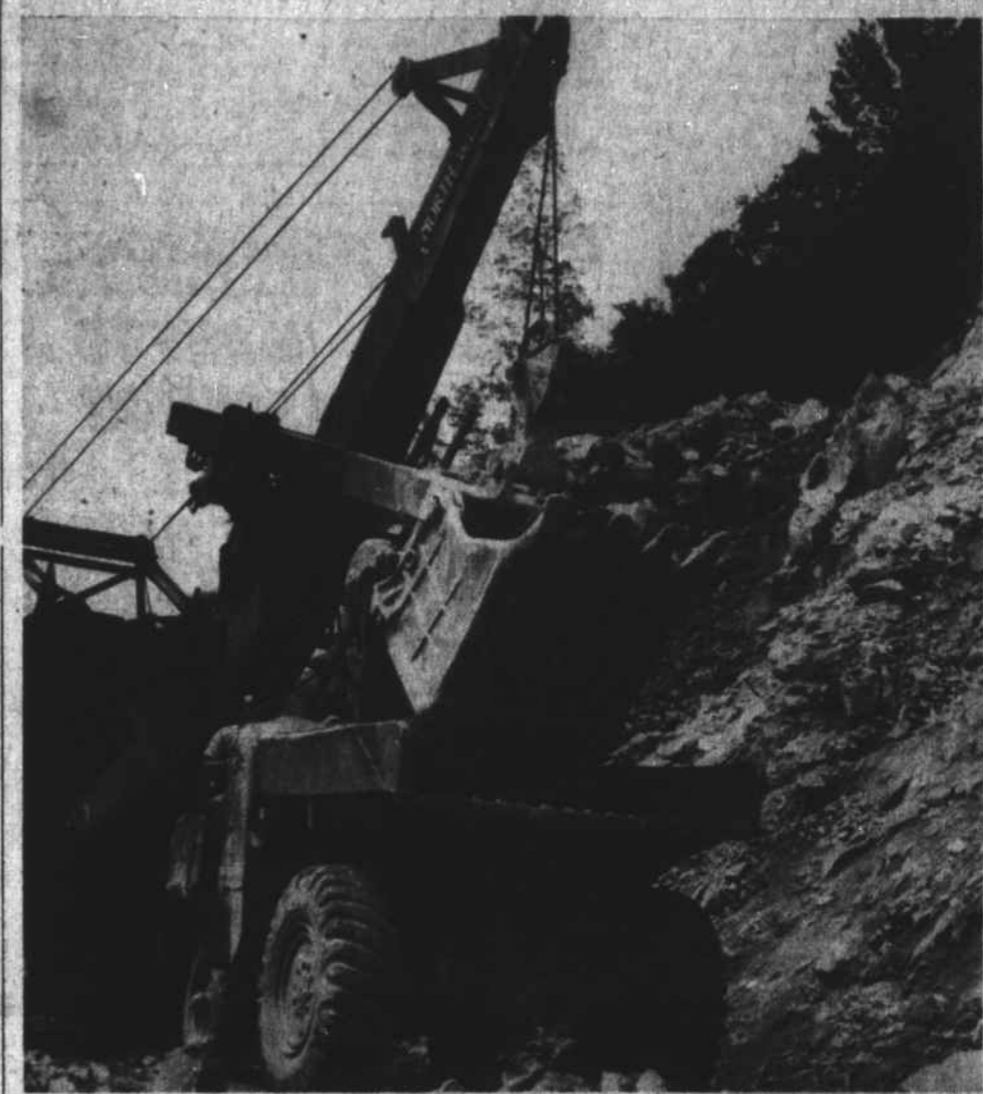
Attaches of the Sossoman Funeral Home said the youngster sustained a severe concussion in the fall and was taken later in the day to Baptist Hospital, Winston-Salem, for specialized treatment.

The youngster, they said, underwent surgery Sunday night. His condition was described as serious.

Young Holton reportedly stumbled as he ran down the mountain side in play.

Detroit—When Miss Dora H. Pitts, a retired school-teacher died, at 83, she split her estate among 11. L. Smith, Collettsville; Mrs. R. F. Greene, Boone. Two brothers, H. L. and T. C. Hodges, Route 3, Boone, and a sister, Mrs. E. M. Cook, of Boone, also survive.

Watauga School Board Named By State Board Of Education



MOVING THE MOUNTAIN—Work is progressing on the Boone-Linville highway, as machinery is used to prepare the roadbed for the highway which is expected to shorten the distance between the two points by ten miles. This picture was taken near the old Shulls Mills power dam, and the giant shovel was caught as it unloaded part of the gray stone which was on the right-of-way. The road is expected to be completed by next summer.—Staff photo by Joe Minor.

500 Members Farm Loan Group Attend Land Bank Gathering

About 500 members and friends of the Boone National Farm Loan Association from seven counties packed the courtroom and balcony of the Watauga County Courthouse

Saturday morning, as the association held its 38th annual stockholders meeting.

The principal speaker was Rufus R. Clarke, president of the Federal

Land Bank of Columbia, S. C.

The association, a farmer owned and operated credit organization affiliated with the Federal Land Bank, comprises the counties of Alleghany, Ashe, Avery, Caldwell, Mitchell, Watauga, and Wilkes.

President S. C. Eggers opened the meeting and extended a cordial welcome to those present.

T. E. Haigler of Sanford, regional manager for North Carolina of the Federal Land Bank, discussed the financial status of the association and read the minutes of the 1954 meeting.

The Boone association is in good financial condition, said Mr. Haigler, with assets of \$96,17. There are 452 farm loans currently on the books, he said, totaling \$448,102.

Mr. Clarke opened his address with a tribute to S. C. Eggers as a public servant who, he said, has always worked untiringly in the interest of the farmer.

In discussing the fundamental and basic policies and practices in meeting the financial needs of farmers, the speaker said the National Farm Loan Association has made a noteworthy contribution to the stability of the national economy.

Loans are made on a practical basis, he said, loans that can be repaid from earnings of the farm. If a farmer is doing his honest best and taking proper care of his farm, the Federal Land Bank will not foreclose, he emphasized, if he is unable to pay through conditions beyond his control.

"You have the great farm credit system in the world, but at the same time you are dealing with home folks right in your local association," he pointed out.

Mr. Haigler officiated at the drawing for prizes, as annual ticket holders received four 500 pound lots of fertilizer, 75 one dollar bills, and four passes for two persons each to Horn in the West.

One-dollar prizes were also awarded to the oldest man present, the oldest woman, youngest boy, youngest girl, person who brought the largest number of people, and the one who drove the farthest to attend the meeting.

The director of the institute, Rev. E. D. Butt, has gone to London, England, to attend a world conference on rural church work. He will return to Valle Crucis for the evaluation session in August.

College Dean, Doctor, Merchant On New Group

The State Board of Education, in session last Thursday, appointed a new board of education for Watauga county, after the State Legislature had adjourned without performing this duty, due to a contention which centered largely about who would be the county superintendent.

The new board replaces the board which favored the retention of W. H. Walker, who has been superintendent for 19 years.

A large delegation appeared in Raleigh in favor of the board which was named. The county Democratic Executive committee had recommended reappointment of Troy Norris and W. Collis Greene, and had cast a tie vote between incumbent Clyde Perry and Tom Lawrence for the third member.

Appointed to the board are: Dr. Charles Devant, Blowing Rock physician; Dr. D. J. Whitener, Dean of Appalachian State Teachers College, and H. W. Mast, Jr., Valle Crucis general merchant.

Members of the new board were sworn into office Monday. Administering the oath was Clerk of the Superior Court, Austin E. South.

After the swearing-in ceremony the new board members talked informally, were briefed on school laws by Mr. Walker and were expected to meet again Tuesday afternoon, in what will perhaps be the organization session. Long An Issue

The Board of Education issue in Watauga has been a lively one for years, and particularly so since Dr. H. B. Perry was elected last fall to the State Senate with the understanding that he would name a new board. He did propose a new slate, but the bill failed of passage in the House. Likewise Representative Stuart Barnes introduced a different slate in the House which failed to survive the Senate.

Since then the agitation has continued, and more recently those favoring Superintendent Walker had switched their support back to the old board.

The State Board, noting that the county Democratic committee was sharply split in its voting, disregarded its recommendations.

Thirty-two Watauga citizens, led by William McElwee, North Wilkesboro lawyer, opposed the appointment of the board considered favorable to Mr. Walker. Charles G. Hodges, retired school teacher of the Sands community, spoke to the State board in behalf of Walker.

Mrs. McChesney Dies Suddenly

Mrs. Helen D. McChesney, 55, Washington, D. C., died at the home of a brother, Mr. Horace Dowling, Jr., in Boone last Wednesday.

Mrs. McChesney died from a sudden illness with what was said to have been a heart attack while visiting relatives here.

Funeral services were conducted in Washington on last Saturday and interment was in the Fort Lincoln cemetery in Prince George County, Maryland.

Surviving are a son and two daughters: Judson, Mrs. Graydon Williams, Washington, D. C.; Mrs. Scott Ratter, Chicago; one brother and three sisters: H. O. Dowling, Boone; Mrs. Gertrude D. Kelly, Washington, D. C.; Mrs. Danny O'Daniels, Washington, D. C.; Mrs. Jim Hile, Montville, N. Y.

JAP WAR DEBT

The Transportation Ministry of Japan plans to begin work on raising sunken ships in Manila and Cebu harbors as part of Japan's war reparations debt to the Philippines. They plan to raise 40 merchant ships totaling some 153,000 gross tons and six warships totaling 18,000 tons in Manila Bay and 11 merchant ships of some 9,700 tons in Cebu Bay. The job which is expected to take about two and a half years, will cost an estimated \$6 million.

Church Students Do Field Work

The training period of the Rural Episcopal Church Institute in Valle Crucis closed July 9th and the students are now doing their field work.

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