

Date	High	Low	5 p.m.	Mo.
Aug. 2	78	62	72	54
Aug. 3	84	69	76	10
Aug. 4	85	58	75	
Aug. 5	81	58	70	
Aug. 6	82	58	71	31
Aug. 7	84	60	66	
Aug. 8	79	59	71	1.11

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Municipal Tax Rate Boosted By 10 Cents To Balance Budget

Boone's tax rate for the 1955-56 fiscal year has been set at \$1.00, according to Mayor Gordon H. Winkler.

This represents an increase of 10 cents per hundred dollars valuation over the 90 cent rate which has been in force. The increase is due to a number of items which were not included in the budget, and which have been done by the city.

The street from the High School to King Street at the old Smithy place has been widened to eliminate the traffic hazard and the danger to school children.

A road machine was purchased to reduce the expense of hand labor on the streets.

Base stone for the streets has been stockpiled to take advantage of a favorable price situation.

There has been a loss in property valuations of \$115,000 during the past year due to tax adjustments growing out of the 1950 county revaluation. The town is required to accept county property valuation figures.

The increased cost of labor and materials in connection with all functions of the city government is also cited by the Mayor.

The increase in tax rates is necessary to maintain necessary public services and to keep the budget in balance, Mayor Winkler says.

Sister Of Mrs. Brown Dies In Plane Crash

Mrs. Myrtle Glover, sister of Mrs. John K. Brown of Boone, was among the thirty who perished when an American Airlines plane crashed and burned at Fort Leonard Wood, Mo. last Thursday.

The plane, one wing sheared away by a fire being brought in for an emergency landing, but plummeted in flames a half mile short of the military field.

Identification of Mrs. Glover was accomplished Saturday by

means of rings and dental work. She was en route to her home in Bristol, Tenn. from Springfield, Mo., where she had been visiting a daughter, Mrs. Harold Ervin, who had been ill.

Mrs. Brown will attend the funeral services which are being held in Bristol this (Wednesday) afternoon at 2 o'clock.

Surviving are two sons, Herbert Glover, Fresno, Calif., Robert Glover, Bristol, and Mrs. Harold Ervin, Springfield, Mo.

S. F. Horton Is District Supt. In South Carolina



S. F. HORTON

S. F. Horton, principal of the Cove Creek High School for 30 years, perhaps a state record for length of service in one school, has applied for retirement from the North Carolina School system and has accepted the position as Superintendent of the Jefferson District Schools in Jefferson, South Carolina.

Mr. Horton's duties will begin in Jefferson August 15.

During Mr. Horton's principalship Cove Creek has grown from a school of 11 teachers in 1923 to that of 28 teachers with departments in home economics, agriculture, industrial arts, commerce and an academic rating highly regarded by colleges where Cove Creek graduates have enrolled. Besides serving as principal Mr. Horton served for three years as superintendent of the Watauga county schools and for 18 years worked during the summer months as school bus route supervisor for the State Board of Education. He is a graduate of Wake Forest College where he also studied law and is a licensed attorney-at-law. Mr. Horton is married to Miss Pearl Fuller of Wake Forest and they have two sons and one daughter.

Mr. Horton has served as President of the Watauga County Unit of the North Carolina Education Association and as State President of the District Principals Association. He was also vice-president of the Northwestern District of the State Education Association.

Principals, Teachers Chosen For Watauga School System

Camp Director Is Speaker At Chamber Meet

Mr. George M. McCord, director of Camp Yonahlossee, showed slides and made a brief talk on the activities of the girls' summer camp, as the feature of the August meeting of the Boone Chamber of Commerce, held at noon Tuesday, with President Stanley Harris presiding.

The camp comprises 135 acres, said Mr. McCord, with 36 buildings, a swimming pool, two tennis courts, 25 riding horses. There are 50 employees, including 35 counselors.

There has been a total of 274 girls at the camp this summer, he said, covering two separate periods, with eleven states represented. Fifty-four of this number are from North Carolina, and four from Boone.

The keynote of the camp is education through recreation and development of hobbies and skills, said Mr. McCord. Many activities are engaged in by the girls, under competent direction, including riding, hiking, archery, rifle marksmanship, tennis, basketball, volleyball, ballet dancing, vocal and instrumental music, dramatics, swimming, canoeing, outdoor pioneering, camping, weaving, nature study, and handicrafts.

The camp closes for the season August 24, he said.

Other special guests at the meeting were Byron Nelson, vice-president of the First National Bank of Coral Gables, Fla., Walter Johnson, North Carolina Savings Bond Director, Mr. Gudger, of Weaver, guest of John B. Robinson, manager of Crest Stores, and James Farthing, cashier of the Northwestern Bank at Taylorsville, and former assistant cashier of the Boone branch.



CHARLES ELLEDGE

Mountain Manner Is Natural To Elledge

By BOB ISBELL

Charles Elledge, the make believe Daniel Boone of Horn in the West, did not cultivate his frontier personality. It came with him.

Charlie was born and reared within sight of the place Dan'l lived in the 1780's—on the banks of the Yadkin River at Holman's Ford. As a boy he romped the fields of his father's Wilkes County farm—on the same ground Dan'l trod when he carved his way through the pathless wilderness into Kentucky. Charles learned the many Boone legends from people not too far removed from Boone's day—Dan'l's kinfolks or descendants of the frontiersman's friends.

Elledge learned to shoot his father's musket, a relic of the frontier days, and today in Horn in the West performance he carries the same rifle. Proving that the weapon is not just a stage prop Elledge can "bust a squirrel's head at a hundred yards."

He is perhaps larger than the real Dan'l, but audiences of Horn in the West seem to accept, even to prefer the big man for the role.

"He's a natural-born Boone," his director, Kai Jurgensen, declares. "Maybe he's a bigger fellow than

Boone, but I'll bet he talks more like Dan'l than Dan'l himself."

Peopla of this mountain town who back the show agree that Elledge is the proper one to carry on the Boone legend in this big outdoor drama. They are proud of his big, booming voice which sounds, even when muted, like the low rumble of winds through the mountain forests.

On stage, Elledge presents a rare combination. Not only is he a "natural" for his role, but his years of dramatic training make him a polished actor. His sense of timing is responsible for the spontaneous laughter he draws in lines like, "Becky, grab that water bucket and let's all drink a toast!" or "Methodist? Woman, that ain't much better'n bein' a Baptist!"

Elledge, who spends his winters as principal of Marion High School, is a graduate of the University of North Carolina and a former member of the Carolina Playmakers. He holds a master's degree from Appalachian State Teachers College.

Horn in the West plays nightly except Mondays through September 5 at the Daniel Boone Theatre here.

Officials Make Ready For Start Schools Aug. 29

Practically all principals and teachers have been approved by the Watauga County Board of Education for the 1955-56 school year, and the schools of the county will open on the 29th.

Following is a list of the principals and teachers employed:

District 1—Appalachian High
Dr. A. B. Crew, principal; Margaret Gragg, R. L. Tait, Louis Le Roy Rogers, Verlin Coffey, Mary Lillian Schnell, William Ross, Lucille Nash, Kent Robinson, Peter W. Everett, Ruby Akers.

Three contracts have been mailed out to the teachers for signature and were not available for approval by the board. Three vacancies. Three teachers on college payroll.

District 1—Appalachian Elementary
John T. Howell, principal; Grady Lane, Mrs. A. E. Hamby, Earl L. Petrey, Robert Carl Day, Seth Wilson Scott, Hazel Perritt, Grace Buckland, Annie G. Eastridge, Bessie Crawford, Leafy Belle Broome, Rilla Ann Bates, Ennis Roland Davis, Ella A. Beshears, Velma Cottrell, Charles Putnam, Clyde Goodman, Richard Hargrove. Janitor: J. D. Greene, Avery Jackson.

Three vacancies.

District 2—Green Valley
John Marsh, principal; Florence Greene, Everette Fox, Mrs. James Wright, Daisy A. Adams, Margaret

Annual Flower Show To Start Thursday



TED BARNETT

Ted Barnett To Appear Sunday In Vocal Recital

A recital affording much public interest will be given on Sunday afternoon, August 14, at 3 o'clock in the auditorium of the Fine Arts Building when Ted Barnett, tenor, of Boone will present his senior voice recital.

Ted is the son of Mr. and Mrs. L. T. Barnett, and is a senior with a major in music at Appalachian State Teachers College. He is a voice student of Mrs. Virginia Wary Linney, head of the voice department of A.S.T.C.

He has done solo work in the various churches of Boone, has appeared as tenor soloist in local performances of Handel's Messiah and also on the Mutual network in two presentations of the Messiah given by the A.S.T.C. choir.

He was one of the guest soloists during the Christmas season in the Christmas Cantata given in Cherryville under the direction of Mr. Frances Grabel.

Ted has been a member of the college choir and the band during his four years at A.S.T.C. He has been a member of the Baptist Church choir, and a member of

By MARGARET AGLE

High on the list of summer events in Western North Carolina is Boone's annual Flower Show which opens tomorrow (Thursday) at 3 p. m. till 9 p. m. at the Boone Baptist Church, and continues Friday from 10 a. m. until 7 p. m. This event has attracted hundreds of visitors annually, last year having been viewed by some 1,400 patrons representing better than half of the forty-eight states. The tradition of fine floral showmanship followed by the four sponsoring clubs of Boone was paced by the 1952 show which won the purple ribbon, the award made by the National Council of State Garden Clubs for the best staged smaller flower show in the state.

Mrs. Ed Hall, a National Council accredited amateur flower show judge, is general chairman of the 1955-Flower Show. Mrs. Hall is a summer resident of Boone, a member of the Worthwhile Woman's Club, the Blue Ridge Garden Club, and the Magnolia Circle of the Jacksonville, Florida, Garden Club. Flowers are her hobby, and she is especially interested in camellias, azalias, and dried material; she is a tri-color winner in the Jacksonville Camelia Show.

Mrs. R. W. Watkins is co-chairman of the show, while Mrs. James B. Winkler is in charge of staging the event. Mrs. Lee Reynolds is chairman of properties.

Sharing the spotlight with the flowers on display will be the music of a "Summer Symphony" about which the show has been planned. This motif will first be seen at the entrance where a bar type mobile made of music signs and instruments will be suspended. This mobile and a sheet-music door decoration were designed and made by Mrs. Ralph Buchanan; the idea was taken from the cover design of the official programs which were edited and compiled by Mrs. Woodrow Richardson and Mrs. James Storie.

A music room complete with piano will be set up on the center front stage; here a number of musicians will perform during the show, furnishing a continuous program of music. Mrs. Paul Coffey, stage chairman, lists the following musicians to appear: Dr. Jones, flutist; Nicholas Erneston, violinist.

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Fire Department Sponsors Sale Of Extinguishers

Members of the Boone Fire Department, anxious to prevent as well as put out fires, has recommended that every household, barn, vehicle and farm building be protected by fire extinguishers, and orders will be taken starting Thursday for a modern fire extinguisher by any fireman or at either of the following places where displays are being set up:

Farmers Hardware Co., Sanitary Barber Shop, Watauga Feed and Milling Co.

In connection with the sale of extinguishers, Howard Cottrell, fire chief, makes this statement: "We feel that one of the most efficient agents for extinguishing fires of all kinds, including gasoline and oil fires which are spread by water, is carbon dioxide. These CO2 extinguishers are very simple to operate and are not bulky or hard to carry. They will not damage clothes or furniture and will not leave a mess to clean up; will not damage food or freeze up."

"With prevention uppermost in our minds, within a few days a fireman from this Department will call on you. His aim will be to sell you protection. Remember, the firemen who stands ready twenty-four hours a day to protect your life and property are not soliciting any donation. They know the horror of fire and the destruction it leaves in its wake of life and property. His interest is a community interest, your community, to make it a safer place in which to live."

"We trust you will receive him and let him explain this inexpensive investment which means safety. His interest in your life and property to lessen the danger of fire to your home makes his job a safer one."

"Let's all cooperate with your Fire Department to make our community the safest in the United States."

Japanese exports are up 23.2 per cent to a post-war peak.

Tommy Owsley To Go To Canada

Tommy Owsley, senior patrol leader in Boy Scout Troop 109, Boone Methodist Church, will leave by bus Sunday to go to Raleigh for a three-day training period, prior to attending the International Scout Jamboree in Canada.

Tommy, son of Dr. and Mrs. L. H. Owsley, is an Eagle Scout and during the past camping period at Raven Knob Scout Reservation near Mt. Airy, was on the camping staff as a junior counselor. He is scheduled to arrive in Canada on August 20, and spend ten days there. Only five boys from the Old Hickory Council, of which the Watauga District is a part, will attend the encampment which is located at Niagara-on-the-Lake.

Mrs. Sallie Swaim Dies Suddenly

Mrs. Sallie Redmond Swaim, 37, former resident of Boone, died suddenly Tuesday evening of last week, in Winston-Salem, from what was believed to have been a heart attack.

Funeral services were conducted Thursday at 2 o'clock at Vogler's Chapel. Rev. W. M. Brookshire and Rev. L. J. Matthews officiated and burial was in New Friendship Baptist Church cemetery.

Mrs. Swaim was educated at Appalachian State Teachers College, also attended Draughon's Business College in Winston-Salem; she had been employed at the Robert E. Lee Hotel for 14 years.

Her husband, Carmon Swaim, a machinist with Piedmont Publishing Co., died four years ago.

Survivors include four sisters, Mrs. China Lavender and Mrs. Stewart Winkler of Boone; Mrs. C. G. Morefield of Elizabeth, N. C., and Mrs. Jim Lamb, Los Angeles, Calif.; three brothers, Dr. C. and Tom B. Redmond of Boone and Hight Redmond of Morganton.

Admiral Carney, the Chief of Naval Operations, has declared Soviet naval advances had made Allies control of the seas "less than absolute."

Over Five Thousand Attend Horse Show

Blowing Rock.—Miles Wright retired the Oscar F. Smith Memorial trophy in the feature attraction of the 32nd Blowing Rock Horse Show's final showing here Sunday afternoon.

Wright won the trophy presented to the winner of the five-gaited championship stakes for the third straight year.

Your Beau, owned and ridden by H. M. Smith, won the hunter championship and Rubber Ball, won the open jumper championship.

More than 2,000 spectators attended Sunday's show, bringing the total for the three-day event to more than 5,000.

Fancy Costume Driving Ponies—1, Bit-O-Honey, David Wood and Sandra Goodell, C. L. Wood.

Championship Equitation—(Hunter Seat)—1, Your Beau, H. M. Smith; 2, Sheffield, Becky Harper; 3, Sun UMBER, Carol Cahey.

Championship Equitation—(Saddle Seat)—1, Carolina Rebel, Nancy Philbrick; 2, Pistol Pete, Debbie Parrott; 3, Dixie Genius, Franklin Noll.

Five-Gaited Pony Championship Stakes—1, Midnight Boogie, Billie

Becker, Frank Radcliffe; 2, Pop-pin-Up, David Becker, Burt Newsome.

Championship Roadster Stakes—1, Senator Trogan, Rex Watts, Dr. Olin Stiff; 2, Carolina Silk, Willie Ward, Becker's Stables.

Three-Gaited Championship Stakes—1, Jackie Boyd, Jack Boyd, C. Y. Thomason Co.; 2, Grassland's Colonel, Virginia Griffin; 3, Parrot Fancy Fred, Ross McConnell, Rainbow Farms.

Jumper Stakes—1, Rubber Ball, Spunky Fisher, Meadowbrook Stables; 2, Windy, Mary Lib Fisher, Katherine Atkins; 3, Expediter, Spunky Fisher, Don Loving.

Walking Horse Championship Stakes—1, Master Wilson's Golden Sun, Wade Stepp, Stepp Walking Horse Stables; 2, Rhoda's Fashion Lady, Rex Watts, L. A. Love; 3, Sun's Grey Eagle, Phil Horton, Jr.

Three-Gaited Pony Championship Stakes—1, America's Pride, Nancy Philbrick, C. G. Wilkins; 2, Imagine Me, Bill Thomason, C. Y. Thomason Co.; 3, Sassy Lady, Ronnie Butler.

Hunter Stakes—1, Your Beau, H. M. Smith; 2, Maxwell, Richard Hull; 3, Bon Star, Rick Coker.



W. GUY ANSELL

Superintendent of Schools

Hagaman, Susie Buchanan, Ruth L. Winkler, China Lavender. Janitor, Alex South.

District 4—Blowing Rock
James M. Storie, principal; William S. Greene, Helen Yoder, Homer Lentz, Irene Davis, Grace Beach, Clara S. Brown, Belle Green, Mable Hollar, Annie L. Whitener, Beatrice Winkler, Irene Winkler.

Two vacancies.

District 5—Cove Creek High
John H. Bingham, principal; Elmer Bates, Josephine Bingham, Marie Hodges, Jennie Love, Grace Mast, Virginia Strother, Mattie L. Wilson, Robert Shipley, Joyce Davis, Pearl Horton.

Two vacancies.

District 6—Cove Creek Elementary
Carl Fidler, principal; Earl P. Thomas, Helen Ophelia Bingham, Omega Swift, Jr., Pearl P. Dowling, Susie B. Henson, Dora S. Mast, Gladys M. Bingham, Annie Mae Sherwood, Jimmie F. Mast, Janie H. Henson, Henry Hagaman, Mattie S. Walsh, Mary E. Henson.

District 7—Bethel
Clyde S. Greene, principal; Allen E. Heaton, William Murray, George Harmon; Mary Ruth Ayers, Dorothy Greene, Allie R. Perry, Ona Farthing, Stella Sherrill, Alice B. Farthing, Gwyn Ramsey, Eliza S. Norris, Robert M. Hamilton, Janitor, Phil Farthing.

District 8—Mabel
Russell Henson, principal; Walter L. South, Mary L. B. Glenn, Ruth D. Roland, Kate Ellison, Hazel F. Mast, Madge Reece, Lillian E. Swift, Maude Wilson. Janitor, Charlie Perry.

Valle Crucis
James A. Greene, principal; Laura Church, Maxie G. Edmisten, Lucille H. Wallace, Pansy K. Taylor, Sarah B. Horton, Ernie C. Triplett, Ruby S. Michael, Grace

Watauga County Delegation Leaves For 4-H Leadership Conferences

Watauga County's delegation to the first Western District 4-H Leadership Conference left for Swannanoa 4-H Camp, Monday, August 8.

The 4-H members attending include: Elizabeth Ann Campbell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Campbell of Valle Crucis; Anne Farthing, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David Farthing of Sugar Grove; Doss Keller, son of Mr. and Mrs. Doss Keller of Blowing Rock; Johnny Vines, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Vines of Sugar Grove. Vance Vines, 24-H adult volunteer leader of Sugar Grove will accompany the group as well as L. E. Tuckwiler, County Agent.

The entire delegation for the week's program will include 24-H boys, 24-H girls and one volunteer 4-H leader from each of the fifteen western counties. In addition, a

group of County Extension Agents, and North Carolina State College personnel will attend.

Objectives of the conference are:

- To assist 4-H Club members, leaders, and agents in gaining a broader understanding and vision of the opportunities in 4-H.
- To provide opportunities for club members, leaders, and agents to gain skills and techniques that will enable them to work more effectively with others.
- To inspire outstanding 4-H Club members and leaders to share generously with others their knowledge, skills, abilities, and enthusiasm.
- To provide for personal development.
- To provide local communities and counties an opportunity to participate in the 4-H leadership training program.

Delegates will participate in matters of junior leadership, record keeping, grooming, personal development, human values, careers, recreation and other opportunities in 4-H.

Special attractions in the program will include discussions led by Mr. R. W. Shoffner, Assistant Director, North Carolina Agricultural Extension Service; Miss Ruth Current, State Home Demonstration Agent; and Mr. L. R. Harrill, State 4-H Club Leader. Mr. Tuckwiler Extension Agent from this county, will assist in the program by serving as a group counselor.

Watauga County's delegation is sponsored by Northwestern Bank, Watauga Co. Farm Bureau, Lamb Pool. The delegation is expected to share what they gain at the Watauga County conference with fellow 4-Hers and leaders.