

Date	High	Low	5 p.m.	Wind
Oct. 4	65	45	60	
Oct. 5	70	56	60	
Oct. 6	72	57	65	.99
Oct. 7	69	50	61	.99
Oct. 8	64	45	52	
Oct. 9	63	38	50	
Oct. 10	75	50	60	

Ten-Year-Old Boy Fighting Disease; Money Being Sought

Have you ever been forced to stand by and watch a loved one fight what appeared to be a hopeless battle against the relentless force of disease and suddenly be offered hope if you had the funds to buy the medication needed?

This is the plight of Mr. and Mrs. Homer Cornet of Reese, Watauga County. For seven years, their plucky little son, Orville, now ten years old, has fought the ravaging germs of colds, influenza and other virus infections which have led to one attack after another of pneumonia.

It all started when Orville was three years old and his mother took him to a doctor in Boone to be treated for whooping cough. Weeks passed and Orville's "whooping cough" did not get any better, so the parents made another trip from their home at the foot of Stone Mountain to the doctor. This time the doctor decided the little fellow should be hospitalized and so began a series of hospitalizations that has not ended to date.

The first attack of pneumonia came in 1948 and he has had pneumonia three times since. In 1953, after scores of tests and treatments had been done locally, the family doctor decided to send eight-year-old Orville down to the Baptist Hospital in Winston-Salem. The out-patient department at the hospital advised that he be hospitalized and he stayed there for two weeks. During this time a blood transfusion seemed to help a little. His cough became less severe and he gained a little



ORVILLE CORNETT
(Photo by Faimer's Photo Shop)

weight. His parents once more dared to hope that their child would grow up into a strong and healthy boy. Orville had begged for two years to go to school. He was afraid his younger brother, Dean, would learn to read before he could. Sometimes he worried right much about this. More than anything in the whole wide world he wanted to learn to read. Once in 1952, one of the Welfare workers had arranged for a teacher from Appalachian State Teachers College in Boone, to help Orville with school work. The boy's hazel eyes sparkled when the worker told him of the plans, but just before his classes were to start, the teacher went to another state to teach.

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Child Dies In Motoring Accident

Kella Diane Wilson, 3-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Eugene Wilson, of Zionville, was fatally injured Tuesday at about 10:30 a. m. when she apparently ran into the side of a car driven by Mrs. D. T. Brown, Jr.

Sheriff Ernest Hodges said a preliminary investigation revealed that there were several children playing along the road near the Brown home in the Silverstone section as Mrs. Brown drove by at a moderate rate of speed, and the Wilson child apparently ran out into the road and into the side of the moving vehicle.

Mrs. Brown stopped immediately, hailed a passing motorist, who was not identified, and brought the victim to Boone. She was pronounced dead on arrival at Watauga Hospital.

Sheriff Hodges and Coroner Richard E. Kelley said the investigation had not been completed, but information obtained thus far tends to show that the accident was unavoidable.

Funeral services will be held at 2:30 p. m. Thursday, October 13, at the Pleasant Grove Baptist church, conducted by the Rev. E. O. Gore, who will be assisted by the Rev. Rex West and the Rev. Victor Trivette. Burial will be in the Zionville cemetery.

Surviving besides the parents is a brother, Tim, of the home.

Polio Program Is Shifted To Federal Phase

Dr. Mary Michal, health officer, has just received word that the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis program of polio vaccine closes October 10th and the program financed by the Federal government will begin.

North Carolina has appointed a special poliomyelitis vaccine advisory committee for the supervision of the distribution of vaccine in North Carolina. The State Board of Health was designated by Governor Hodges as the agency responsible for this distribution. In the recent session of Congress an appropriation was made, under a special act (S2501), of \$34,500,000 of which North Carolina's share is \$1,419,307 for a poliomyelitis vaccination program, to reach a part of the population through each local health department. This will only take care of a small part of the vaccine being produced, the largest part of which will go to the private physician for use in his private practice. Careful weekly check is being kept of the number of persons immunized so that we will know, at any time, what per cent of the population of certain age groups has been given 1, 2, or the full 3 doses of the poliomyelitis vaccine. If you come to the health department with your child be sure to come on any Monday afternoon between 3:00 and 5:00 p. m.

Until further notice this vaccine is available only to children age 5 through 9 years. There will therefore be no more vaccine available at the health department for any age group than 5 through 9 years of age.

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Adm. Raeder, Nazi sea chief, freed from Spandau by Big 4.

Road Building Report Made In 11th Division

The State Highway Commission completed 12.32 miles of road improvements in the Eleventh Highway Division during September, Commissioner W. Ralph Winkler of Boone reported today.

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.

In Ashe, the following county roads and their lengths were graded and gravelled by State Highway forces: Beginning near the intersection of Ebenezer Road and Blue Ridge Parkway extending northward to the intersection of Bear Creek and Roan Creek Roads, 0.7 mile; from the Blue Ridge Parkway to Wilkes County line, George Lony Road, 0.3 mile; from end of gravel on Boggs Road to Boggs School House, 2.2 miles; and beginning at the top of hill on West Pine running south, 1.0 mile. The roads are from 10 to 12 feet wide.

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Advice Given On Yule Mailings Overseas

The period October 15 to November 15 has again been designated for the acceptance of Christmas parcels for members of our Armed Forces serving outside the continental United States with the concurrence of the several departments of the National Military Establishment.

Patrons should be reminded that military personnel are well supplied with food by the Armed Services and that parcels containing foodstuffs subject to spoilage and breakage in transit are likely to reach overseas destination unfit for use.

The importance of mailing Christmas parcels during the designated period cannot be emphasized too strongly—the earlier the better. No assurance can be given that surface parcels mailed after November 15, or air parcels mailed after December 1, will be delivered in time for Christmas. Boxes for overseas transmission

must necessarily be of strong construction on account of the great distance these parcels must be transported and the handling and storage they must undergo. It is absolutely necessary that all articles for overseas delivery be packed in boxes of metal, wood, solid fiber-board, or strong double-faced corrugated fiberboard testing at least 275 pounds.

Greeting cards for Armed Forces personnel overseas may be mailed at any time, but patrons should deposit such cards prepaid at the first-class rate prior to November 15, 1955; at the air mail rate prior to December 1, 1955, if they are to have a reasonable expectation of delivery prior to Christmas.

For further information concerning size and weight, prohibited articles, postage, addressing, and the like, please contact your local post office personnel.

\$625,000 Allotted By REA For Rural Telephone Lines In Area



A LOT OF SPUDS—Hugh Hampton of Deerfield road, Boone, has just finished digging 926 bushels of the new Boone potato from one and three-quarters acres—or potatoes at the rate of \$29 bushels per acre—from his field of certified seed. Shown examining the smooth oblong tubers, are: standing, R. V. Brown; left, squatting, Coy Hartley; and bending, Austin Norman. Mr. Hampton has raised certified seed potatoes for some time, but this is the first time he has planted the Boone variety, which is expected to grow popular with producers in this section because of its apparent blight resistance.

Annual Homecoming Program Is Scheduled At Appalachian

Says County Schools Need Two Millions

By VIRGIL ROLLINS
The Boone Chamber of Commerce was told Tuesday that more than \$2 million will be needed to carry out the building program in Watauga County Schools in the next five years.

W. Guy Angell, new county school superintendent, addressed the monthly luncheon meeting of the Chamber, and complimented the county and his predecessor, W. H. Walker, on the outstanding consolidation job that has been done in the past 25 years. There were 52 schools in the county in 1930, he said, compared to only eight today.

Taking as his subject, "Watauga County Schools as They Are and What They Need," the speaker cited a present county school enrollment of 449 in the first grade, but only 195 in the 12th, and declared, "We must do something to keep these children in school."

The biggest drop in enrollment occurs after the seventh grade, he said, but pointed out that the same situation exists at the state and national level.

Mr. Angell said Watauga County can well be proud of the standard maintained by its teachers. He displayed a chart showing that there are 81 teachers in the county schools with graduate certificates, 50 with "A" certificates, and only three with sub-standard certificates.

This chart is practically reversed in many North Carolina counties, he stated. Returning to finances, he said salaries, building, maintenance, lunchroom, transportation, etc., call for an annual expenditure of nearly a million dollars in the county. Of the total, 88.3% comes from the state, 6.9% from the county, and 4.8% from the Federal government.

He cited further figures showing that the state of North Carolina annually spends \$143 for each school child, compared to \$324 by New York State, and a national average of \$217. North Carolina ranks 41st in this respect, he said.

Referring back to the five-year program, he said approximately \$2,140,000 will be needed by 1960 for construction, \$308,000 for renovation, and \$147,000 for equipment.

"It is an ambitious program that calls for the cooperation of all," he concluded.

R. C. Coleman, operator of the burley tobacco market here, attended the meeting, and predicted a "big 1955-56 season for the burley growers of this section."

Corn Contest Plans Are Made

Farmers who wish to enter the 1955 Watauga County Corn growing contest should notify the county agent by Saturday, October 15.

For a farmer to be eligible to compete in the contest, he must have a field of corn of at least 1 acre, and the corn must not be cut.

The Watauga County record yield so far was approximately 134 bushels per acre. Who has better corn in 1955?

President Stanley A. Harris announced that the annual Ladies' Night and election of officers meeting has been tentatively set for the first week in December.

At eleven o'clock the traditional parade of Homecoming floats sponsored by the various campus organizations will tour the town and the campus. In charge of Bobby Harre of Tampa, Florida, president of Chi Lambda Chi, the parade will form at the Farmers Cooperative Exchange on Water Street, to Green Buick Co., east to Hardin Street, south to Watauga Hospital, and west to the College Administration Building.

At twelve o'clock the Alumni Luncheon and business meeting will be held in the new Appalachian Elementary School Cafeteria on College Street. In the absence of Ben Horton, president of the Alumni Association, who is studying toward the doctorate at Florida State University this year, Mrs. Eggers will preside. The address of welcome will be given by Dr. W. H. Plemons, president of Appalachian State Teachers Col-

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Contracts Are Let For Health Center

Contracts for the new Watauga County Health Center were let Thursday by the county commissioners, subject to approval by the State Medical Care Commission.

Bids accepted totaled \$27,960. Low bidder for the general contract was Pennell and Haigler of Lenoir. The bid was \$22,870.

The heating contract was awarded to Miller-Brooks Roofing Company of Hickory, \$1,967. J. B. Winkler Plumbing and Heating

Company of Boone won the plumbing contract with a bid of \$2,475. The electric contract went to Ralph Duncan of North Wilkesboro, \$1,648.

Officials said construction is expected to start within 30 days. The site is on the old county home property.

The total project is to cost \$33,350, with the federal government paying \$16,000 and the state and county each paying a fourth.

Watauga, Ashe To Get Service Under Proposal

Kannapolis.—Congressman Hugh Alexander stated this week that he has been advised by the Rural Electrification Authority of the release of \$625,000 to construct telephone exchanges and wire cable line for the communities of Creston, Lansing and Baldwin in Ashe county, and Sugar Grove in Watauga county, to serve 1313 subscribers. (Parts of Ashe and Watauga counties, along with part of Alleghany county, have been organized as The Skyline Membership Corporation, under one board of directors.)

"It has previously been announced," Congressman Alexander said, "that on September 22 bids were opened on contract for outside poles, lines, etc., in Watauga county, to the lowest bidder, being T. L. Dysart and Son of Statesville, North Carolina, at \$97,420.40 to build 90 miles of line in Watauga county, and the tentative date has been set for October 27 to open bids for the automatic dial equipment for both Ashe and Watauga counties."

"On account of my sincere interest in the welfare and progress of our people, and realizing their urgent need for telephone service," Congressman Alexander said, "I have, from time to time, been in contact with Mr. Gwyn B. Price, Chairman, Rural Electrification Authority, and Mr. Walter E. Fuller, Director of Rural Telephone Service, REA, for North Carolina. Both of these gentlemen have always shown a keen interest and desire to be helpful in working out this problem, and I am pleased to state that the goal of rural telephone service now appears to be in sight."

"Negotiations have been under way for four or five years," he explained, "and the large number of subscribers, or sponsors, who advanced \$10.00 each and agreed to advance approximately \$25.00 additional to constitute their membership and equity in a Cooperative and to create a fund to be used as the sponsor's part of the rural telephone program, have been patient and hopeful. In the near future these people will be contacted by Mr. Fuller to reconfirm their interest in and desire for telephone service. It now appears that rural telephone service will be a certainty in the near future, providing, of course, the people are still interested and want to form the Cooperative and carry out its objectives and purposes."

Congressman Alexander stated that he felt sure the people understood that the authorities have labored under tremendous obstacles in obtaining agreements with existing companies, but he is now advised that a proposal has been made which is acceptable to Federal and State authorities, whereby

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Chas. Critcher Funeral Sunday

Charles Edward Critcher, retired farmer and carpenter of Boone, Route 2, died of a heart attack Saturday, October 8, while hunting on his 80th birthday with two grandsons.

Mr. Critcher was stricken about 4:30 p. m. while he and Norman and James Coffey, both of Boone, Route 2, were hunting about three miles from Blowing Rock on the Yonahlossee Road.

Funeral services were held at 2 p. m. Monday, October 10, at the Mount Vernon Baptist Church, with the Rev. R. C. Eggers, the Rev. Barney Oliver, and the Rev. Will Cook officiating at the rites. Burial was in the Mountlawn Memorial Park.

He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Maggie Critcher, two sons, Ralph, of Boone, Monroe, of Zionville; three daughters, Mrs. Nell Coffey, Boone, Mrs. J. C. Fletcher, Zionville, and Mrs. Max Campbell, Cleveland, Ohio; a brother, A. N. Critcher, of Blowing Rock; a sister, Mrs. Ida Simmons, of Hudson; 30 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren.

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