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Date	High	Low	Wind	Bar
Dec. 6	55	35	36	
Dec. 7	52	32	34	
Dec. 8	48	24	36	22*
Dec. 9	34	17	18	26**
Dec. 10	23	12	17	
Dec. 11	34	11	19	
Dec. 12	33	7	22	

Also: *1 inch snow; **3-4 inch snow.

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Progress On All Fronts Reported At Area Meeting

Progress on all fronts was the key word in the 17-page report of the Northwest North Carolina Development Association, Inc., released last Thursday night at the annual banquet in Elkin.

Not only did the association squeeze out more eggs, attract more tourists and flirt with new industries, it also added two more counties to the family—Alexander and Caldwell—making it an 11-county organization.

The association was responsible, directly or indirectly for:

- Increasing the sale of eggs in approved cartons by 4,300 dozen a week, to a total of 6,000 dozen a week.
- Luring more tourists off the Blue Ridge Parkway and into the communities by the publication of a picture folder.
- Interesting more outside industries in the area by providing specific information about the counties and communities.
- Adding 18 communities to the community development program, making a total of 76 now participating.
- The industry division, headed by Hugh G. Chatham of Elkin, conducted an area-wide meeting in Elkin last February to discuss with various industrialists the ways and means of attracting more industry.
- In this connection, an industrial brochure, prepared by Chester S. Davis, Journal and Sentinel staff member, will be published Feb. 1, outlining factual information designed to catch the eye of new industries.
- The agricultural division, headed by Wayne Corpening of Winston-Salem, made a survey of the area and found that the average farm is 65.1 acres, of which 63.1 per cent is cropland and 15.3 per cent woodland. Some 67 per cent of the area's farm income is from tobacco; 13 per cent from eggs and poultry; 7.3 per cent from dairying; 5.2 per cent from vegetables and 5.1 from cattle and calves.
- The entire program of awards and honor signs for outstanding work in various fields of agriculture was expanded.



WILLIAM RICHARD GREENE WINFIELD FARTHING

Top Flight Students Winners Scholarships

Raleigh, Dec. 8.—Two top-ranking students at North Carolina State College have been awarded Burlington Industries Foundation Scholarships, valued at \$1,000 each, college officials announced today.

The scholarship recipients are Winfield Harrison Farthing of Boone, a junior in electrical engineering, and William Richard Greene of Greensboro, a junior in textiles, both of whom have made outstanding academic records at State College and are active in extra-curricular activities.

In announcing the selection of the scholarship winners, Dr. Ralph E. Fadum, chairman of the State College Committee on Scholarships and Financial Aid, and Dr. Lyle B. Rogers, student financial aid officer, said the students were chosen on the basis of leadership, scholarship, and financial need.

Farthing and Greene will receive \$500 per year during each of their junior and senior years of college education.

Appalachian Hi Band Chorus To Provide Concert

The Appalachian High School Band and Chorus will present a Christmas Concert Monday, December 19, at 7:30 p. m. at the Appalachian Elementary School auditorium.

The sixty piece high school band, under the direction of Mr. Roy Blanton will play several well-known Christmas selections including "Jingle Bells", "Noel", "Here Comes Santa Claus", "Frosty the Snow Man", an overture by Newel Long entitled "Christmas Rhapsody" and a novelty selection "Clapalongs-Playaway." This program is the first public performance by the band since the football season. During the months of September, October, and November the band made fourteen public appearances including five parades.

The Chorus directed by Mrs. Elsie Ernestine will sing several familiar carols and several new selections including "While By My Sheep" and "Mary, Mary, Where is Your Baby?"

The public is cordially invited to attend.

Mass X-Ray Campaign To Be Launched In Area Next Year



Tobacco auction in local warehouse. —Staff Photo by Joe Minor

Profits From Seal Sale Will Provide Funds

Plans are being formulated for a massive chest X-ray survey of Watauga, Ashe and Alleghany Counties during next summer, the Democrat learned Monday from Mrs. Carl Francis of West Jefferson, director for the Tuberculosis Association in the tri-county area.

Mrs. Frances, Dr. Mary Michal of the District Health Department, and Dr. Smith of the State Board of Health met in Jefferson last week to formulate plans for the survey which will be by far the most comprehensive yet made in this section.

According to present plans two of the x-ray trailer units will be sent into the district by the State Board of Health and would expect to complete the survey during the period of July 28 to September 8.

The State Board, says Mrs. Francis, supplies the equipment, etc., while the tuberculosis association will be liable for other expenses in the sum of about \$1,700.

And, since the only source of income the Tuberculosis Association has is from the sale of Christmas Seals, continued response to the seal sales appeal is vital to the success of this phase of the health program.

Miss Helen Underdown, seal sales chairman here, states that the total sales have now reached \$1,242.75. She asks that others, who have not contributed, do so at once. Those who haven't received seals through the mail can get them from Miss Underdown.

Harris Attends Raleigh Meeting

Stanley A. Harris, president of the Boone Chamber of Commerce and manager of the Merchants Association, attended an all day meeting in Raleigh Monday of the Division of Commerce and Industry of the North Carolina Department of Conservation and Development.

The subject under discussion was "what a small town should do to get ready for industry," and Mr. Harris indicated that he would make a more detailed report on the meeting in the near future.

William P. Saunders, of Southern Pines, is the new director of the Department, succeeding Ben Douglas, who recently resigned from the office.

Officers Named By Farm Council

At the regular meeting of the Agriculture Workers Council held December 7, the following officers were elected for the coming year:

Chairman, W. C. Richardson, Assistant County Agent; vice-chairman, Howard Williams, Soil Conservation Service; secretary-treasurer, James Brown, health department; reporter, R. G. Shipley, Vocational Agriculture Teacher.

The Agriculture Workers Council members are the agriculture and home economics teachers, soil conservation technicians, A. S. C. clerk, farmers home administrator, sanitation officers, from the health department, and the extension farm and home agents.

The council meets once each month to discuss the different phases of the agricultural programs in the county.

Burley Market Breaks All Records With \$60 Average

An all time high for a single day's sale was reached Monday by the Boone burley tobacco market, when \$79,094.69 was paid to farmers for 131,452 pounds of burley, for an average price of \$60.17.

The average price at Boone has been above \$58 since Tuesday, December 5, with the last six days, including Tuesday of this week, averaging \$58.69.

To date, the local market has sold 1,662,306 pounds, and paid \$955,147.45 to farmers, for an average of \$58.35.

The Boone market, along with the entire burley belt, will recess for the Christmas holidays after sales of Wednesday, December 21, and resume January 3.

Broader Scope Farm Loans Are Announced

The authority of the Federal Land Bank and national farm loan associations to make loans on smaller type so-called part time farms has been broadened under recent legislation according to statement of John H. Hollar, secretary-treasurer of the Boone National Farm Loan Association with offices at Boone.

Pointing out that farm people now receive one third of their income from non-farm sources, Mr. Hollar thinks that this broadened authority will enable his association and the bank to render a sound farm mortgage credit service to a large number of so-called part time farmers in the Boone Association's territory. Mr. Hollar emphasized that the property offered as security for the loan must be a producing farm unit to meet requirements of the law. However, dependable outside sources of income of the owner-operator can be taken into consideration in determining the amount of loan that the property can carry. Such income from other sources will only be considered on a level that reflects the long term economic outlook for such income.

The number of part time owner operated farms has increased substantially during the past 10 years due to the tremendous industrial development in the south, Mr. Hollar stated, and many of these property owners have not had access to the type of long term mortgage credit needed to finance their farm-home enterprise. The availability of land bank loans to such persons gives them another and very dependable source of credit for the financing, refinancing, purchase or improvement of such type property.



REV. WILLIAM EATON

Rev. Mr. Eaton Is Called To Baptist Church

The deacons of First Baptist Church in Boone, recently recommended to the church that a call be extended to the Rev. William R. Eaton, pastor of the Mars Hill Baptist Church, to become assistant pastor of the local church.

The call was given and Mr. Eaton is expected to take up his duties here shortly after the first of the year. Besides aiding the Rev. L. H. Hollingsworth at the local church Mr. Eaton is expected to serve as pastor of the Mission Church which was started by the First Baptist Church.

Mr. Eaton is a native of Winston-Salem, and is married to a Winston-Salem girl. They have a son, six months old. He comes to Boone with good recommendation, according to Mr. Hollingsworth, who has known him for several years.

While a student at Southeastern Seminary at Wake Forest, he served as pastor of a country church near Wake Forest, and for almost four years he has served as full-time pastor of Mars Hill Church near Hillsboro.

McCoy Bingham Funeral Sunday

John McCoy Bingham, 58, of Vilas, died Friday, December 9, in Watauga Hospital following an illness of several years. He was a World War I veteran of the Naval Service.

Funeral services were held at 2 p. m. Sunday, December 11, at the Henson's Chapel Methodist Church, with the Rev. N. C. Bush and the Rev. E. F. Troutman officiating at the rites.

He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Kenova Bingham, Vilas; four sons, John, of Boone, Mack, Ellis, and Danny, all of Vilas; seven daughters, Mrs. Bobby Wright, Baltimore, Md., Mrs. Ray Amburn, Boone, Mrs. William Moretz, Deep Gap, Mrs. Thomas R. Townsend, Boone, and Patsy, Jean, and Mary Joe Bingham, all of Vilas; three brothers, Albert Bingham, Boone, Elliott Bingham, Vilas, and Jim Bingham, Elizabethton, Tenn.; and three sisters, Mrs. Mary McNeill, Vilas, Mrs. Vertie Hayes, Newland, and Mrs. Grady Hayes, Winston-Salem.

App Matmen In Opening Win

Statesville, Dec. 10.—Appalachian High of Boone, unbeaten in three seasons, opened another winter wrestling campaign by defeating Statesville High, 38-8, here tonight.

Gale Speaks and Jack Kale turned in the only wins for Statesville while the Boone boys won eight matches.

The summary:

- 103 pounds—Sammy Critcher, Appalachian, pinned Larry Gaither, first period.
- 112 pounds—Harold Hayes, Appalachian, pinned Archie Hager, second period.
- 120 pounds—Bobby Reynolds, Appalachian, decisioned Jerry Elliott.
- 127 pounds—Joe Miller, Appalachian, pinned Buddy Holland, second period.
- 133 pounds—Kid Greer, Appalachian, decisioned Henry Joyner.
- 138 pounds—W. J. Wellborn, Appalachian, pinned Billy Holland, second period.
- 145 pounds—Allen Van Dyke, Appalachian, pinned Royal Link, second period.
- 154 pounds—Gale Speaks, Statesville, pinned Ed Harmon, first period.
- 165 pounds—Jack Kale, Statesville, decisioned Kent Coleman.
- Heavyweight—Henry Mains, Appalachian, pinned Frank Eller, first period.

A total of 863 civilian employees of Government agencies lost their jobs during October, the second net monthly decrease since January, 1955. The other was 18,974 in September. Total civilian employment as of November 1st, was 2,365,206.

Hospital Is Given \$16,000 Of Ford Funds

Watauga Hospital is slated to receive \$15,900 as part of a gigantic five-hundred-million-dollar gift to the nation's privately supported colleges and hospitals, announced Monday by the Ford Foundation.

The grants will be paid out in cash within 18 months. At least half is to be received by each institution by next July 1, the balance before July 1, 1957.

Grants to western North Carolina hospitals ranged from a minimum of \$10,000 to \$126,700, and each hospital will be allowed to spend the entire amount as needed.

The half-billion dollar gifts was described as the largest single appropriation in the history of philanthropy.

Schools Will Get \$159,000 State Aid

Watauga county is to get \$159,955.56 in school building funds under allocation plans approved by the State Board of Education last week.

The board forwarded to Governor Hodges the report of a committee which has worked for more than a year to divide the money in accordance with school construction needs and local ability and efforts to meet needs.

The money is the second half of a 50 million dollar bond issue authorized by the 1953 legislature. The first 25 million already has been distributed under a method set out in the law. More than 27 1/2 million of it has been approved for building projects.

Automation will not hurt labor, N. A. M. says.

Parkway Travel Is Increasing

Asheville—According to figures just released by Superintendent Sam P. Weems of the Blue Ridge Parkway, 264,867 persons in 80,516 cars traveled the Blue Ridge Parkway during November of 1955.

This is an increase of 80,956 or 44% over November of 1954.

Gen. Mark Clark warns the West against Soviet smiles.

David Moore Rites Are Held

Mr. David Sylvester Moore, 79, husband of Mrs. Carrie Shull Moore of White Hall, Md. died December 5 at 4 a. m. at his home after one week illness.

Mr. Moore was a farmer in this area since 1920.

Surviving are four children, Mrs. Edith Nelson, Donald and James Moore all of White Hall, Md., and Mrs. Louise Barlow, Lock Raven Village, Baltimore, Md. Eight grandchildren and four great grandchildren, a brother, Charlie Moore of Banner Elk, one sister, Mrs. Maude Estes, Boone.

Funeral services were held at 2 p. m. at Hartenstein Hortuary New Freedom with Rev. Lawrence L. Brown, pastor of Calvary Methodist Church, Stewartstown, officiating. He was assisted by Rev. Robert C. Mizel, Maryland Line Methodist Charge pastor.

Burial was in West Liberty cemetery.

Mrs. Maude Estes and son, Ralph Estes attended the funeral.

Blowing Rock Park Catches Yule Spirit With Decorations

By WALTER K. KEYS

Playground Park Square in Blowing Rock now presents an unusual and very impressive Christmas panorama. The four units on the park frontage have been designed to picture in flood-lighted beauty the true picture of Christmas.

High on the Fire Hall chimney is a life-size Santa racing with his sled and reindeer across the top of the Chamber of Commerce building. There's an artfully lighted miniature church surrounded by choir singers, back of which is the brilliantly-lighted live Christmas tree.

A community decorations contest has been arranged, featuring the following classifications: best window, best entrance, best overall outside display, best inside decorations and best home-made decorations.

Those wishing to enter these contests should register at the library by December 19.

The Playground Park decorations were designed by Dr. Keys, supervisor of recreation for Blowing Rock, and erected by the town and in the evenings from seven to nine.

A community decorations contest has been arranged, featuring the following classifications: best window, best entrance, best overall outside display, best inside decorations and best home-made decorations.

Blowing Rock Park Catches Yule Spirit With Decorations

At the main park entrance is the stable scene with many full-length figures. The huge candles at the entrance and the ivy-wrapped light standards with wreaths and red candles complete the decorations.

State-wide attention was attracted by these displays last year and it is hoped that many more will pass by to see them this year. Christmas carols will be played over the loud speaker system each afternoon from four to five o'clock and in the evenings from seven to nine.

A community decorations contest has been arranged, featuring the following classifications: best window, best entrance, best overall outside display, best inside decorations and best home-made decorations.

4-H Burley Show, Sale To Start Here Today

A 4-H and Future Farmers of America tobacco show and sale will be held in Boone Thursday, December 15, and Friday, December 16, between 12:30 and 1:00 p. m.

The show will be judged on a crop basis and also a contestant may enter in the four-hand show, which consists of four normal size hands in one or all of the following classes: Flying, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99, 100.

The show is sponsored by the Merchants Association, the Boone Chamber of Commerce and Mr. R. C. Coleman and associates.

Postoffice To Open Saturday

The Post Office will be open all day Saturday December 17, it is announced by Lyle B. Cook, acting postmaster.