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BOONE WEATHER			
Date	High	Low	Prev.
March 13	52	37	40
March 14	48	38	42
March 15	49	30	32
March 16	43	28	32
March 17	54	37	30
March 18	40	26	32
March 19	30	19	25
*March 17	50 snow; 18	3.50 snow; 19	trace

## Hunter Sees Good Future For Horn

Dr. Kermit Hunter, author of "Horn in the West," attended the meeting of the board of directors of the outdoor drama held Monday, and declared that there is a bright outlook for the future of the drama.

Dr. Hunter emphasized current plans for energetic promotion of the attraction and ideas for important changes in the drama. Also attending the meeting were Mrs. Hunter and Dr. Samuel Selden, producing director, all of Chapel Hill.

Mr. Hoyt Safrit and Mr. James Rooker played some of the new recorded music for the Horn. Mr. Alfred Boyles, promotion director, reviewed some of his newest plans and reported that he has already spoken to about thirty different groups and that his schedule for the immediate future is full.

Dr. A. P. Kephart, vice-president, presided at the meeting. Dr. and Mrs. Kephart have just returned from an eight weeks visit to Florida and the State of Yocatan in Mexico.



GET GIRL SCOUT AWARDS.—Six intermediate Girl Scouts, the first local group to receive their first class rank, are shown at the annual mother-daughter banquet held last Wednesday evening. Left to right they are first row, Marjorie Reynolds, Linda Kay Cline, Rachel Rivers; second row, Judy Snyder, Mary VanNoppen and Barbara Matheson. These girls are in their fifth year of the Scout program, having started out as Brownie Scouts in January 1952. Participants in the Girl Scout program here have doubled in that time. There are now four local troops, with 66 girls and ten adult leaders.—Staff photo by Joe Minor.

## Inaugural Plans Are Completed At ASTC

The formal program for the inauguration of William Howard Plemmons as third president of Appalachian State Teachers college has been completed, according to Dean D. J. Whitener, who is general chairman of the inaugural ceremonies. The program will be held in the auditorium-gymnasium of the new physical education building at the college, at ten o'clock on the morning of April 24.

The prelude, "Sarabanda" from the "Sixth Cello Suite" by Bach, will be played by the college orchestra under the direction of Nicholas G. Erneston. This will be followed with the processional, "Pomp and Circumstance" by Elgar, also played by the orchestra. The remainder of the program follows.

The national anthem, sung by the audience; the invocation given by Dr. I. G. Greer, consultant for the North Carolina Business Foundation in Chapel Hill; "Sanctus" by Cousins, sung by the college choir under the direction of Mrs. Virginia W. Linney. Greetings on behalf of various groups will be brought by:

The Honorable Luther H. Hodges, Governor of North Carolina, speaking for the State; Dr. D. Hiden Ramsey, chairman of the State Board of Higher Education, speaking for the state institutions

of higher education; Dr. Hoyt Blackwell, president of Mars Hill college, speaking for the private and church-related colleges; Harry Hallyburton of Drexel, president of Appalachian Alumni Association, speaking for the alumni; William H. Benson of Mocksville, president of the Appalachian Student Body, speaking for the students of the college; and Dr. J. T. C. Wright, head of the department of mathematics at Appalachian, speaking for the faculty.

The college choir will sing a second number, "Praise to the Lord" by Christiansen. The president will be installed by William J. Conrad of Winston-Salem, chairman of the Board of Trustees of Appalachian State Teachers college. Following the installation, Dr. Plemmons will give his inaugural address.

The program will end with the Alma Mater, sung by the audience. The benediction will be given by the Reverend L. H. Hollingsworth, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Boone. The orchestra will play, as the postlude, "Triumphal March" from "Sigurd Jorsalfar" by Greig.

Following the formal exercises of the inaugural, an invitation luncheon will be served in the college cafeteria to the college's official delegates and guests.

## Ashe County Board Makes Elkland School Proposal

By V. G. ROLLINS

### Tom Winkler To Be Associated With Olds Place



Mr. Tom Winkler, who has been employed by the American Tobacco Company in Newport News, Va., for four years, has returned to Boone, where he will be associated with the Blue Ridge Motors, local Oldsmobile agency, which his late father, Mr. Stewart Winkler helped to found.

Mr. and Mrs. Winkler and their daughters, Jeanie and June Ann will establish their home on Hardin Street.

### Holy Week Plans Are Made Here

Union Holy Week Services will be observed at the Appalachian Theatre 12:30 to 12:55 Monday through Good Friday, Sunrise Service at the Daniel Boone Theatre Easter morning.

The Ashe County Board of Education has submitted a counter proposal to the Watauga board relative to the construction of a new school at Todd, near the county line, to accommodate pupils from both counties.

A proposal by the Watauga board specifying that the new school be approved by the State Division of School Planning and that the construction and maintenance costs be shared by the two counties in proportion to the number of children represented from each county, and containing other provisions, was published in last week's issue of the Democrat. This proposal was submitted to the Ashe board on January 9, with a provision that it be binding for a period of 60 days.

Mr. A. B. Hurt, superintendent of Ashe County Schools, said in a letter to the Democrat dated March 17 that "the Ashe County Board while in session on March 5th, and before the expiration of the sixty days referred to contacted the Watauga Board by telephone stating that some adjustments be made in their resolutions and requesting that the superintendents of the two counties be given authority to work on these adjustments and submit reports to the two boards for consideration. Since no provision was made for such a conference, the Ashe County board drew up resolutions which it considered fair and equitable, which resolutions were sent to the Watauga County Board of Education."

W. Guy Angell, Watauga school superintendent, stated Tuesday that this resolution was received by the Watauga Board last Thursday, March 15.

Mr. Hurt's letter continued: "There are 187 students in membership in this school at the present. A survey shows 140 prospective students from the two areas, of which number around 40 are on the Watauga side. The Ashe County Board is very desirous of making this a joint project."

The resolution submitted by the Ashe County board was as follows: 1. A careful survey shows that next year about 20% of the prospective students from the present areas now served by this school will come from Watauga County, and the following years as indicated by the number of prospective students now residing in these areas about 29% would come from Watauga County; therefore, the Ashe County Board of Education will go along on the construction of a building on the basis of 75%.

2. This building to consist of six classrooms, indoor rest rooms, cafeteria and office space, to be constructed so that additional rooms can easily be added.

3. Type of building to be approved by the Division of School House Planning.

4. Since Ashe County has in several cases been able to get more buildings and facilities by buying its own materials and supervising the work, that this building be built on that basis, and supervised by the school officials of the two counties.

5. Necessary equipment for this building to be furnished by the

amount spent in the initial construction.

6. The cost of maintaining the school to be distributed between the two counties in proportion to the enrollment as determined from year to year.

7. Since the title to the present site is made jointly to the two counties, that this title be changed so that the site will belong to the two counties in the ratio of the amount spent by each county in the construction of the building.

8. The Ashe County Board of Education desires to get this construction underway by April 15, 1956, and therefore would like to have the action of Watauga Board of Education in regard to these resolutions prior to that time. Since each Board will be in session April 2, we will contact the Watauga Board at that time as to its action.

9. If the Watauga Board does not go along with Ashe County on this construction, Ashe County will immediately proceed to provide facilities for the Ashe County students in which case Ashe County would want a title for the entire site.

The above resolutions were unanimously adopted by the Ashe County Board of Education on March 5, 1956.

Mr. Angell said the Watauga Board would consider this resolution at its next meeting Monday, April 2.

### James Greene Taken By Death

James Conley Greene, resident of the Deep Gap community, died March 13, at the age of seventy-two years.

He was born in the Deep Gap section, son of Lee and Martha Hodges Greene. He married Anner Watson, daughter of Larkin Watson and they reared nine children; one son, Perry, preceded him in death.

He is survived by his wife and the following children: Herbert C. Greene of Fleetwood, Mrs. David Clarke of Washington, D. C., Kermit Greene of North Wilkesboro, Mrs. Carl Blackburn of Millers Creek, Mrs. Joseph Lorraine of Fleetwood, Mrs. Stanley Miller of Deep Gap, James C. Greene, Jr., of Boone, and Ira Greene of the home.

Three brothers, R. F. Greene of Boone, and W. G. and Grady Greene of Deep Gap, and one sister, Mrs. Martha Ray of Seattle, Washington, also survive him. In addition, there are twenty-one grand children and eleven great-grand children.

He was a member of the Mission Home Baptist Church of Fleetwood and had always been an active helper and worker in the church.

The funeral was conducted by Reins-Sturdivant of Boone at the Laurel Springs Baptist Church of Deep Gap. Reverends L. H. Hollingsworth, Herman Gentry, Raymond Hendrix, Bill Burchett and Carroll Burkett assisted in the services and burial was in the Laurel Springs Cemetery.

Yankees expect McDermott to clinch flag for them.

## United Fund To Be Organized Locally

### City Water Problem Topic For Meeting

The municipal water situation will be the topic when interested citizens of the town gather with city officials at the Elementary School auditorium Thursday evening March 23rd at 7:30, it is announced by members of the council.

Officials are interested in knowing the reaction of the taxpayers to the suggestion by some that a bond issue be floated to provide funds for expansion of the water system, on a long-range basis.

Present water supplies are adequate, it is said, and have been for many months, but it is realized that other shortages will develop in the future. Therefore the officials are anxious to work out plans for making adequate water available to take care of the needs of the community during dry seasons, as well as to provide a margin of safety against the future growth of the town.

Taxpayers and all others interested are asked to attend the meeting.

### Election Board Named On Friday

R. T. Greer, Hooper Hendrix and Stacy C. Eggers, of Boone, were named members of the Watauga County Board of Elections by the State Board last Friday.

Messrs Greer and Hendrix are the Democratic members, while Mr. Eggers is the Republican. All are incumbents except Mr. Hendrix, who incidentally, served many years as the chairman of the Board of Elections in Cleveland county.

### Easter Sunrise Service Mapped

The Easter Sunrise Service, sponsored by the Watauga County Ministerial Association, will be held at the Daniel Boone Theatre Park at 6:15 a. m. April 1. Pantomime will be under the direction of Rev. C. O. Vance. The Community Choir will be under the direction of Mrs. Virginia Wary Linney. The high school band will take part, under the direction of Mr. Roy Blanton. Rev. E. H. Lowman will bring the meditation.

Everyone is invited to attend. The service will be broadcast by radio station WATA.

### Basketeers Get Area Honors

Three Watsuga girls received honorable mention in the all-Northwest girls' high school basketball selections, made by the Winston-Salem Journal.

They are: Forward Ann Reid, Blowing Rock; guard Nancy Hollingsworth, Appalachian; guard Barbara Triplett, Blowing Rock.

The bill for Federal aid to school construction has run into a formidable obstacle in the segregation issue and the chances for its passage this year are not considered good.

## Central REA Telephone Building Bids Sought

G. W. Edwards, president of Skyline Telephone Membership Corporation, announced this week that bids for the construction of the central office building for the new telephone system will be opened at the corporation's office in West Jefferson on March 29. This building will house the automatic dial equipment for the new system.

Mr. Edwards also stated that the contractor will resume construction of the new system in the early part

### College Tests To Be Given At Appalachian Hi

High School principals throughout the State have been notified of the times and places that all potential college freshmen in the State may take entrance examinations.

However, it is pointed out, that for students entering in September, scores on these examinations will not be used as a standard of judgment for admission.

Tests for students in this area will be given at the Appalachian High School in Boone on April 7.

Any student planning to enter any unit of the University in the fall of 1956 should report by card to the University Testing Service, Box 99, Chapel Hill, N. C., giving his name, the name of his high school, the name of his principal, the unit of the University the student plans to attend, and the testing center at which he will take the test.

### "Stabat Mater" Will Be Staged

The Appalachian Choral, under the direction of W. Hoyt Safrit, will present Rossini's "Stabat Mater" on Sunday at 8 p. m., in the First Baptist Church in Boone.

The "Stabat Mater" was written for two sopranos, tenor, and bass solo and chorus of mixed voices with organ accompaniment.

Featured soloists for the presentation will be members of the choral: Soprano I, Shirley Sharpe Campbell and Nancy Larrimore; Soprano II, Beth Eggers; and Sybille Ray; Tenor I, Jerry Hill and William Hongyut; Baritone I, Patrick Matthews; and Bass, Robert Gilley.

The ensemble which was organized five years ago and is composed of sixteen voices, frequently appears in sacred and secular concerts in North Carolina and neighboring states. Later in the spring the organization is planning a tour through Virginia, North Carolina, and Tennessee. The ensemble will be remembered for its wonderful presentation of the "Seven Words of Christ" by Haydn, two years ago and the presentation of the "Stabat Mater" last year.

James W. Rooker, member of the music faculty of Appalachian, teacher of piano and organ, will be organist for the performance.

The Choral includes the following: Sopranos: Beth Eggers, Shirley Sharpe Campbell, Nancy Larrimore, Betty Jane Calloway; Altos: Rebecca Austin, Sybille Ray, Theresa Hulon, Jackie Hull, Tenors: Jerry Hill, Bill Huneycutt, David Eddleman, J. C. Boone; Basses: Robert Gilley, Patrick Matthews, Walter Smith, Dan Dagan. The public is invited.

The Republic of Indonesia will buy surplus farm commodities worth \$96,000,000 from this country.

### Meeting Set For Monday To Finish Work

A meeting will be held on Monday, March 26, at 7 o'clock at the courthouse to organize a Watauga Chapter of Carolina United.

A United Fund in Boone and Watauga would place many of the fund drives which take place during the year in one general drive which is usually conducted in a brief two week period in October. All worthy causes which are represented by existing organizations and now conduct drives will continue to be represented in some form. There will be plans made for some projects which are urgent and necessary but at present are not organized.

The local chapter will be composed entirely of local people and have representatives from all the townships of Watauga County. The unit consists of a board of directors, president, vice-president, secretary, treasurer, and the three major committees: campaign, admission and budget, and promotion and publicity.

The main purpose of a United Fund is to conserve manpower and manhours by having just one drive a year to cover all worthy causes during the drive the contributor can make his yearly pledge and budget his contribution throughout the year.

Among local organizations which have endorsed a Watauga United are Watauga County Ministerial Association, Rotary Club, Lions Club, Junior Woman's Club, Worth-while Woman's Club, Business and Professional Woman's Club, Chamber of Commerce and Merchants Association.

Everyone is urged to attend the organizational meeting on Monday night, John Wood, Field Director for Western North Carolina of Carolina United, who has been consultant in the initial planning, will be present.

W. D. Halfacre, banker and prominent civic leader from North Wilkesboro, will be keynote speaker.

### Hiram Wilson Dies At Age 85

Hiram W. Wilson, 85, died at his home at Zionville Tuesday, March 13.

Funeral services were held Thursday, March 15, at the Pleasant Grove Baptist Church, with the Rev. E. O. Gore, the Rev. Ronda Earp, and the Rev. E. C. Eggers officiating at the rites. Burial was in the church cemetery.

He is survived by six sons, Arlie Wilson, Jethroe and Bill Wilson, both of Cleveland, Ohio, Baxter Wilson, Zionville, Woodrow Wilson, Lenoir, and Clinard Wilson, Sherwood; two daughters, Mrs. Victoria Lawrence, Zionville, and Mrs. Bonnie Beach Lynchburg, Va. two sisters, Mrs. Etta Reese, Zionville, and Miss Emma Wilson, Valle Crucis; 46 grandchildren and 38 great-grandchildren.

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### Easter Lilies Are To Be Sold

Many of the younger women of the town who are freely giving their time in the interest of the crippled children of the area, will sell lilies on the streets of the town Saturday March 24th and Saturday March 31, to aid in the rehabilitation of these handicapped children.

Citizens are asked to buy when approached by these young ladies, who will serve under the direction of Mrs. Ralph Tugman.

The lily sale is sponsored by the Boone Rotary Club for the benefit of the crippled children.

### John Fitzgerald Taken By Death

Mr. John Fitzgerald, father of Mrs. Tex Craven of Boone, died at his home in High Point Sunday evening from a heart attack. Funeral plans are incomplete.

## Choral Groups Win High Contest Honors

The Mixed Chorus and the Boys' Glee Club of Appalachian High School won ratings of "Excellent" in the District Choral Contest held March 16 at the college. The Girls' Glee Club won a rating of "Good". In view of the fact that the glee clubs are strictly extra-curricular and meet only one-half hour per week, it is felt that the students have every reason to be proud of their accomplishments in so short a rehearsal time.

During the past eight years the choral groups have maintained a high standard in the work they have done. They have always sung music chosen from the top two grades of difficulty and of the twenty-four ratings received there have been two "Good" and the remainder "Excellent" and "Superior". Mrs. Elsie Erneston has directed the choral groups for these years.

The Appalachian Mixed Chorus will present several programs before the close of the school year. Friday, March 23rd, they will give a program consisting of hits from Broadway Musicals for the student body. On March 30, in cooperation with the Bible Club, they will present a program of Easter music. Monday, April 23rd, they will present a program for the college assembly and that same week will spend two days in Greensboro participating in the All-State Choral Festival. Their final program will be for the graduation exercises.

### Junior High Girls Rated Excellent

The Appalachian Junior High Girls' Glee Club earned a rating of excellent from the panel of judges when they competed in the annual district choral contest held Friday, March 16, in the Fine Arts Building on the college campus. The two numbers sung were "Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring" by Bach,

and a Noble Cain arrangement of the spiritual, "Ole Ark 'n' a-Mover in'."

The glee club is composed of girls from the seventh and eighth grades and is directed by Mrs. Gene Wilson, music teacher at the elementary school. This is the first year of work for the club and the first time to participate in the contest.

The remarks given by the judges were most complimentary, each saying the group gave a very fine performance especially for the first year. Praise was also given to the accompanist for a good job.

Officers of the club include Dianna Watkins, president; Jane Hodges, vice-president; Margaret Lynn Hagaman, secretary and treasurer; Margaret Rose Brown, reporter; Anne West, librarian; and Gloria Jean Hampton, accompanist.

## Payroll Of County Firms Over Million

Receipts of 83 service establishments enumerated in Watauga county in the 1954 Census of Business amounted to about \$1,151,000, according to a preliminary report covering service trades, published by the Bureau of the Census, U. S. Department of Commerce.

The combined yearly payroll of the county's service establishments was \$290,000. They reported 194 employees of whom 85 worked fulltime in the pay period ending nearest November 15. Proprietors actively employed in the operation of unincorporated businesses numbered 78.

Establishments providing personal services numbered 26 and reported receipts of \$311,000. Establishments primarily engaged in automotive repair, parking and other automotive services numbered 5 and had receipts of \$166,000. Establishments listed as "all other services" in the preliminary re-

port numbered 52 and had receipts of \$674,000.

"Personal services" group includes such businesses as barber and beauty shops, cleaning and dyeing plants, laundries and laundry services, garment alteration and repair services, funeral services, photographic studios, shoe repair shops and shine parlors, as well as other personal services.

"Automotive services" group includes general automobile repair shops, battery service shops, tire repair shops, body repair and paint shops, automobile rentals, storage garages, parking lots, auto laundries, and other miscellaneous automotive services.

"All other selected services" group includes business services, miscellaneous repair services, amusement and recreation services, motion pictures, hotels, tourist courts, motels and camps.