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June 5	72	48	72	
June 6	74	45	68	
June 7	70	44	72	
June 8	77	47	73	
June 9	79	51	69	
June 10	83	49	76	30
June 11	84	52	79	

People You Know

Jean Rivers' woman's page reviews the social scene. Besides personal mention, weddings, parties, club meetings are reported on page five.



One Killed, Two Injured

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Two Die In Auto Crashes; One Is Believed A Suicide

Sugar Grove Lad Is Fatally Hurt On Highway 421

North Wilkesboro, June 6—A 14-year-old boy was fatally injured and two other persons hurt in a two-car collision about 6:20 p. m. tonight on U. S. Highway 421 about 20 miles west of here.

Dead was Phil Shull, 14, of Sugar Grove. He was a passenger in a 1950 Ford driven by John Wayne Vannoy, 19, of Boone Route 1.

The youth died about 45 minutes after reaching a Boone hospital. Vannoy received head and ankle injuries and his condition was listed as "critical."

According to State Highway Patrolman R. G. Potts of North Wilkesboro, the investigating officer, the car driven by Vannoy was headed east and struck a 1955 Chrysler driven by Ronald Arthur Craven Jr., 33, of Boone. Craven was treated for injuries and released from the hospital.

Patrolman Potts said there were no witnesses to the accident but tire marks indicated that Vannoy was driving on the wrong side of the road when the accident occurred.

The accident took place on a straight stretch of road just east of a sharp curve.

Shull's death was attributed to brain injuries. He was thrown from the Vannoy car.

Total damage to the cars was estimated at \$2,500. Patrolman Potts said he is continuing the investigation and no charges have been preferred.

Funeral services were held at 11 a. m. Saturday, June 9, at the Willow Valley Baptist Church, conducted by the Rev. W. C. Payne, the Rev. Bynum Trivette, and the Rev. Will Cook. Burial was in the Shull Cemetery.

He is survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Shull; a brother, Jerry; and four sisters, Gloria, Maxie Lee, Nancy Carol, and Patricia Ann.

Last Rites Held For McGuire, 23

Funeral services for David Jasper McGuire, 23, of Boone, Route 2, who was killed in an automobile accident near Lumberton Wednesday morning, June 8, were held at 2 p. m. Friday, June 9, at the Perkinsville Baptist Church, with the Rev. Rex West conducting the services.

Coroner D. W. Biggs of Robeson County has ruled officially that McGuire, who had been AWOL from Fort Bragg since May 3 and had been designated a deserter on June 2, committed suicide.

A story from Lumberton said the ruling followed an investigation by State Highway Patrolman K. K. Daniel in which Daniel obtained sworn statements from Miss Evelyn Brigan and her brother, Vernon, of West Lumberton.

Miss Brigan said she had dated McGuire and he told her he was going to kill himself. Her brother, according to the Lumberton story, said he had ridden by the site of the crash with McGuire when McGuire had "looked over" the bridge before driving his car into it.

Mrs. Mauder Brigan, Evelyn's mother, said McGuire had tried to kill himself two or three times and had carried pistol bullets.

McGuire's car crashed into the railing of an overhead bridge on Highway 301 bypass and plunged down to the railroad tracks. He was killed instantly when his head was crushed.

He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Suma Richards Edwards; two sons, David and Gary; his father, Luther McGuire; a sister, Beatrice; and a brother, James.

HOLIDAY BIRTHDAYS
Memphis, Tenn.—Children in the Overton T. Ryan family can remember their birthdays easily by tying them to a holiday. John was born on Christmas Eve; Alan on Washington's birthday; Marion on Lincoln's birthday; and James Patrick on St. Patrick's Day.

Pie Supper And Square Dance Being Planned

A pie supper and square dance will be held on the festival platform near the Daniel Boone Theatre Saturday night, June 16, beginning at 8 o'clock. There will be no admission charge, and tea and coffee will be served free.

Men and women of all ages are urged to dress themselves in casual clothes and come out for an evening of old-fashioned fun. Each woman should bring a pie in a box and two forks, and each man should bring enough money in his pocket to buy a pie at the auction. Following the pie supper, there will be square dancing.

The purpose of the pie supper is to raise money to help support the summer folk festivals. Last summer over five thousand people attended the festivals, held each Saturday afternoon, and found in them flavor and tradition that they had come to the mountains seeking.

There is no charge for admission to the festivals. Mr. Cratis Williams, chairman of the Daniel Boone Folk-Arts Council, says, "The Council believes that free entertainment to introduce tourists and guests to the traditional culture of the native people has a definite place."

"People concerned with attracting and holding tourists and visitors will be interested in seeing the folk festivals grow," he adds. "If we provide some interesting amusements to hold tourists in the neighborhood, they will spend their money at the motels, the restaurants, the stores, and the theatres, and the whole community will prosper."

Summer Band Program Being Planned Here

The Appalachian High School and Elementary School have announced the summer band program for this summer. Band lessons will be offered for beginning, intermediate, and advanced students. The program will be directed by Mr. Roy Blanton and Mr. Frank Widenhouse.

All classes will begin Monday, June 18. All senior high band members will report to the bandroom at 10:00 a. m., the junior high students will report at 11:00 a. m., and the beginning group will report at 11:30 a. m. The band program will run for two four and one-half week terms, and bandmen may take either or both. The band fee will be \$6.00 per term.

Although the Elementary School will not open until June 25, the beginning and the junior high groups are requested to report to the bandroom on June 18.

Mr. Blanton will be at the bandroom the afternoon and evening of June 14 from one to five and from seven to nine to talk with parents about instruments for beginning students. This summer will be the last time students will be permitted to enroll in band classes below the sixth grade.

RETAIL FAILURES
Retail trade failures in the first three months of this year rose to 1,618, an increase of 17 per cent over the previous year.

Final Approval Given For Work To Begin On School Projects

In accordance with the action of the State Board of Education Thursday, final approval was granted for work to begin on the construction of a classroom addition and cafeteria at the Blowing Rock and Bethel schools.

Bids were received and opened for the Blowing Rock addition on Friday, May 11, at 2 p. m. The Board of Education accepted the

Gragg To Preside At Savings And Loan Meet

W. H. Gragg, local Savings and Loan Secretary and President of the North Carolina Building and Loan League, will preside over the sessions of the League convention being held at Mayview Manor, Blowing Rock, the end of this week.

Most of the 176 Savings and Loan Associations in the State will be represented at the gathering. It is expected by Mr. Gragg that 350 will be present when registration gets under way Thursday.

Mr. Gragg will open the business sessions Friday at 10 o'clock. Eminent Speakers

Among the speakers during the course of the convention will be Mr. Warman, of the U. S. Savings and Loan League, Aurora, Ill.; William Diver, Chicago, President of the Savings and Loan Foundation; Vernon Welch, Minneapolis, executive vice-president of the Minnesota Savings and Loan League; Dr. Clyde Milner, president of Guilford College.

Mr. Ross of New York, known as one of the best after dinner speakers in the country, and who is said to have the humor of Mark Twain, will speak at the banquet

Saturday evening, at which time President Gragg will present the gavel to his successor, Mr. J. V. Brette of Goldsboro.

Mr. Gragg says that delegates to



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the convention will enjoy swimming, golfing, bridge, and side trips to Grandfather Mountain, Boone, and other points in the immediate environs.

Tax Rate In Watauga To Stay At 90 Cents

The tax rate in Watauga county will remain at 90 cents per hundred dollars valuation, according to an estimated budget draft which has been released by Edgar Brown, county accountant, and which will be acted upon by the county commissioners by June 25th.

The tax rate is based on a property valuation of \$21,000,000, and the net anticipated tax revenue is \$187,815.00. Miscellaneous items of income, including tax penalties, court costs, State and Federal grants, bring the total revenue figure to \$269,163.00.

The estimated expenditures include the following:

Tax releases and tax collector's commissions \$12,000; general fund expenses \$69,195, health and welfare expenses \$43,154.00, bonds, interest and exchange \$17,850.00, school expenses \$94,069.00, old age assistance (county portion) \$16,960.00, aid to dependent children (county portion) \$11,440.00, aid to permanently and totally disabled (county portion) \$4,505.00.

Mr. Brown states that the county debt is now \$71,000, a deduction of \$16,000 during the past fiscal year.

Registration Goes Forward At College

Registration is being held today at Appalachian State Teachers College for the first term of the 1956 summer session. A record-breaking student body, from all over the Southeast, is expected to tax all facilities of the college.

The first term will extend from June 12 to July 20. The second term will begin July 20 and will end on August 24. During the period from June 12 to August 24 short courses and workshops will be held on the subjects of Elementary Education, Reading North Carolina, Audio-Visual Aids, Guidance, English, Student Teaching, and Music Education. Also, some two weeks courses will be held offering other regular college or graduate school subjects for the benefit of students and teachers who are seeking up to four quarter hours of credit for each two weeks of study.

Students at the college, during these summer terms, will have opportunities for recreation as well as for study. There will be sight-seeing trips sponsored by the college. Concerts will be provided by the summer school chorus and summer school band. A program of public entertainment will also be offered under the Iycoem series. There are facilities for tennis, swimming, mountain climbing, fishing, horseback riding, either at the college or that can be provided nearby.

The famous outdoor drama sponsored by the Southern Appalachian Historical Association, Horn in the West, is played in Boone every night of the week except Mondays, beginning June 29. The famous Blue Ridge Parkway is six miles from the college, and Grandfather Mountain, with the mile-high swinging bridge, is only fifteen miles. During the summer the college will sponsor bus trips to the other outdoor dramas given in

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C. Of C. Speaker Says Watauga In Vital Need Civil Defense Plan

By V. G. ROLLINS
A Ground Observer Corps officer told the Boone Chamber of Commerce Tuesday that Watauga County vitally needs an efficient Civil Defense organization consisting of:

1. A Civil Defense Director. 2. A Ground Observer Corps Coordinator. 3. A Post Supervisor. 4. A Civil Observer, and a sufficient number of assistant observers to man an aircraft observation post 24 hours a day. This key personnel should be appointed by the county commissioners, he said.

Lt. Bert Harrington, operations officer of the Ground Observer Squadron, Charlotte unit, who spoke at the regular monthly meeting of the civic body, suggested that a source of personnel to man the post could be the various civic, service, and fraternal organizations, with each club being responsible for operating the observation post at specified times.

The Ground Observer Corps, he said, operates under the jurisdiction of the Air Defense Command, and such a system of aircraft observation and reporting is necessary because of the nationwide radar network now under construction is not completed.

He added that radar is effective only at 5,000 feet or higher, and that the G. O. C. is interested in possible enemy aircraft flying

below that altitude. The Ground Observer Corps is, in brief, said Lt. Harrington, a fast communications system whereby the various observer posts report aircraft to a central unit by telephone, which in this area is Charlotte. Radar is then used to identify the craft.

Civilian volunteers are necessary, he added, because if the government had to pay for this work the tax load increase would be too great for the public to bear.

It has been estimated by competent authority that 65 well-placed bombs by an enemy could put the United States "out of business." The G. O. C. is "nothing more than paying insurance on our way of life," said the speaker.

Horn Parade
In other matters taken up at the meeting, Dr. A. P. Kephart, vice president of the Southern Appalachian Historical Association, noted that the outdoor drama, Horn in the West, will open its fifth season June 30, and urged merchants to devise displays in their stores featuring the play.

Al Boyles, publicity director of the drama, said plans are going forward to stage a big parade and picnic dinner on June 30, with bands, covered wagons, and other appropriate floats and units to publicize the Horn opening. Details will be published when plans are completed.



G. M. WATSON

G. M. Watson, Former Sheriff, Taken By Death

George Marshall Watson, 59, Baptist minister, former Sheriff of Watauga county, and a Justice of the Peace for many years, died at Watauga Hospital Monday evening, following a brief illness.

Funeral services were conducted Wednesday morning at 11 o'clock at the Mount Pearson Baptist Church. Rev. J. C. Canipe of Hendersonville and Rev. Robert Shore of Blowing Rock officiated. Burial was in the Mountlawn Memorial Park.

Mr. Watson, who began his official career as a Justice of the Peace eight years ago, served as Chief Deputy Sheriff with Sheriff C. M. Watson until his death August 14, 1950. Although he was a Republican, the Democratic board of county commissioners appointed him to fill the unexpired term of Sheriff C. M. Watson. He served as Sheriff until December 4, 1950.

He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Lester Watson, Boone; two sons, Bynum and Glenn Watson, both of Boone; two daughters, Mrs. Alma Ashley and Mrs. Lester Deal, both of Sherwood; and three brothers, Andrew and Theodore Watson, both of Deep Gap, and Marvin Watson, of Triplett.

Watauga Post Given Award

Watauga Post American Legion was presented a trophy for outstanding achievements and division 5 membership leadership at the Departmental Convention in Charlotte last Friday and Saturday.

Mr. Lionel Ward and Mr. Edwin Dougherty attended the meeting and received the award on behalf of the local post. The local post was also recognized for placing of flags on the graves of deceased veterans and the manner of holding memorial services throughout the county.

Mr. Ward told the gathering that the success of the post is due to the fact that it has full co-operation of the Board of County Commissioners, the Watauga Democrat, radio station WATA, and the war veterans of the area.

EASY TO REMEMBER
Newberry, S. C.—O. F. Armfield, Jr., newspaper publisher, and his friends have no trouble remembering his telephone numbers. The telephone at the newspaper office is listed as "1" and his home telephone "1111."

Rev. Mr. Tester To Be Ordained Next Tuesday



REV. WELCH K. TESTER

Mr. and Mrs. Welch K. Tester and daughter, Jeannie, will arrive back in the county this week after spending three years at Bexley Hall, the Divinity School of Kenyon College, Gambier, Ohio, where Mr. Tester received his Bachelor's Degree in Divinity June 11.

Mr. Tester attended the University of Tennessee and Appalachian State Teachers College, receiving his B. S. degree from the latter in 1951. Prior to attending seminary, Mr. Tester taught school at Cove Creek High School for two years.

While in seminary both Mr. and Mrs. Tester were active in seminary activities. Mr. Tester sang with the Bexley Hall Travelling Choir, and served as treasurer and president of the Bexley Society, the seminary student organization, during his middle and senior years. Mrs. Tester worked with the Altar Guild, the church embroidery class, and served as president of the Bexley Wives, an organization of student-wives of the seminary.

Mr. Tester is the son of Mr. Duke Tester of Valle-Cruis, and Mrs. Tester is the former Peggy Farthing of Sugar Grove.

The Rt. Rev. M. George Henry, D. D., Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Western North Carolina, will ordain Mr. Tester to the Sacred Order of Deacons of Holy Cross Episcopal Church in Valle Crucis, Tuesday, June 19th, at 10:30 a. m. Also taking part in the ordination will be the Rev. Messrs. E. Dargap Butt, Rhett Y. Winters, L. F. Kent, and Captain Thomas G. Wheat, C. A.

Rubber price is off 40 per cent in three months.

Statesville Cabbie Is Robbed By Negroes

A Statesville taxi driver reported he was beaten, robbed and kidnapped Thursday night, and two Negroes he identified as his assailants were arrested Friday near here.

Watauga County Deputy Sheriff George Smitherman reported a watch identified as that of the taxi driver, Foy Kurley, 35, of Statesville, was found on Lee Bryant's arm after Bryant's arrest with William Lee, alias William Brown, a few miles west of here about noon Friday.

He said Bryant, about 24, and his companion, about 20, were taken to Taylorsville, county seat of Alexander county, since the attack allegedly occurred at Stony Point.

Kurley told officers he escaped about 11 p. m. Thursday by turning

the handle of a rear door and falling out of his cab as he was being driven into the eastern section of Boone.

He said he made his bid for freedom when he saw the headlights of a car behind his captive cab.

Officers said Kurley was picked up by Johnny Horton and Joe Hayes, both about 18, of Vilas, who said they were in the car behind.

Kurley joined officers in the all-night search after he was treated for head and face injuries at Watauga Hospital.

He said the two approached him in Statesville, about 8 p. m. Thursday and asked for a ride to Stony Point. When he had taken him there, he said, they attacked him with a hammer, took his wallet and watch and threw him in the back seat. One man climbed into the back with him and the other drove, he said.

Whenever he held his head up, he said, one of the men would hit him with the hammer, and they told him they were going to kill him as soon as they got across the Tennessee state line (about 15 miles west of Boone).

Smitherman said the cab, nearly out of gas, was found late Thursday night about two miles west of here on U. S. Highway 421—near the home of Gordon Hodges.

The Negroes were found walking on the same highway about a mile beyond the place where the automobile was found, he said.

The officers said Bryant told officers he was from Baltimore, Md., North Carolina and Virginia, and Brown, alias Lee, said his home was at Boone.

Neither, he said, would make any comment and no charge has been filed.

Pakistan expects to drop in need for United States aid.



—Staff Photo by Joe Minor

"BOB DAVIS SPECIAL" WINS RACE... Built by Bob Davis of Boone, and driven by Ed Welch of Winston-Salem, this car was first in the recent Grandfather Mountain Sports Car Hill Climb on Grandfather Mountain. Mr. Welch gained permanent possession of the Dennis Strong Memorial Trophy by winning the third straight race. His time over the 2 1/2 mile course was 3 minutes, 25.3 seconds. Mr. Davis won a sportsmanship trophy.