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BOONE WEATHER				
Date	High	Low	6 p.m.	prec.
June 12	84	50	78	
June 13	79	52	71	
June 14	83	53	70	
June 15	86	54	69	
June 18	78	54	67	
June 17	79	56	66	.30
June 18	82	56	68	

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TWELVE PAGES—TWO SECTIONS



SINGING ON THE MOUNTAIN . . . The thirty-second annual Singing on the Mountain will be held at the base of Grandfather Mountain, two miles east of Linville on Sunday. Mr. J. L. Hartley, founder and chairman of the event, expects there will be forty to fifty thousand people attending the songfest and picnic. Singing classes from North Carolina, Virginia and Tennessee are expected to be present, and well known public figures will address the gathering. This picture was taken at last year's singing.

Registration At College Hits Record Peak 1,306

Johnson Will Teach At Wingate



WALTER R. JOHNSON

Dr. Budd E. Smith, of Wingate College, announced this week the appointment of Walter R. Johnson, native of Watauga County, and a graduate of Bethel High School, to the faculty to teach science and Math. Mr. Johnson will be in charge of the pre-engineering courses and will work very closely with the engineering department of North Carolina State College and Clemson College.

He holds Bachelor and Master's Degrees in mathematics and science and has had many years of teaching experience in the public schools of North Carolina and taught during the summer of 1955 at Wingate College. He has for the last three years served as principal of Waxhaw School in Union.

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Hampton Funeral Is Held Friday

Theodore Augustus Hampton, 52 years old, died Tuesday evening, June 12th, at Watauga Hospital, where he had been a patient for one hour, following what was said to have been a heart attack.

Funeral services were held at the Perkinsville Baptist Church Friday at 2 o'clock. The Rev. Rex West was in charge of the rites and burial was in Mountlawn Memorial Park.

A native of Blue Ridge township, Mr. Hampton had lived in Boone for about ten years, where he was employed at the Trailway Laundry. He had formerly been engaged in farming and in building activities.

Survivors include the widow, Mrs. Edna Greer Hampton; two sons and five daughters: Dale Hampton, Alexandria, Va.; Kenneth Hampton, Chicago; Mrs. William Nolte, Reisterstown, Md.; Mrs. Bernard Stone, Lenoir; Mrs. Robert Roark, Savannah; Mrs. Harold Steelman, Boone; Miss Margaret Hampton of the home. Also surviving are three brothers and three sisters: Arkie Hampton, Spencer Hampton, and Lindley Hampton, Blowing Rock, Route 1; Mrs. Elizabeth Storie, Blowing Rock, Route 1; Mrs. Elsie Johnson, Elizabethton, Tenn.; Mrs. Connie Wheeler, Portsmouth, Va.

Initial registration for the first summer term at Appalachian State Teachers College has been held, and the figures reveal that all past enrollment records for a summer term have been broken. Another registration, which is yet to be added to the first-term total, however, will take place on July 9.

The college now has 1,306 students in attendance, as compared to 1,279 for the entire first-term total of the 1955 term, and college authorities believe that some 150 to 200 additional students will be added when the first term has been ended.

Of this number, 516 are enrolled in the graduate school. The total for the entire summer last year was 811. The figures this year are well ahead in the graduate school.

North Carolinians are in the great majority of those enrolled. Seventy of the state's counties are represented. Next in attendance is Georgia with 25 counties, followed by Florida with 19, South Carolina with 18, Virginia with 13, Tennessee and Mississippi with four each, West Virginia with five, Kentucky with two and one each from the states of Pennsylvania, Illinois, New York, Ohio, District of Columbia, Connecticut, Louisiana, and Massachusetts. This is a total of eighteen states, with 171 counties represented.

On July 9, the following short courses, ending on July 23, will begin:

Elementary education workshop, reading workshop, alcohol and alcoholism workshop, and several short courses offering one or two quarter hours to those who need fractions of credit only. These courses and workshops will offer either graduate or undergraduate credit, either for degree credit or for certification credit only.

In the 1955 summer term, a total of 2,046 different individuals were registered for the twelve weeks of the summer session, with 1,279 of these in the first term only. All indications are that these figures will be considerably surpassed in this year's session.

North Carolina wheat will be supported at \$2.21 this year.

Miss Street Takes Home Agent Work



MISS JUNE STREET

Miss June Street of Buladean community in Mitchell county, began work June 16 as assistant home demonstration agent for Watauga county, working with Miss Mary Helen Neill, home agent.

Miss Street, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Street, is a graduate of Tipton Hill High School, and received a bachelor of science degree in home economics June 1 at East Tennessee State College, Johnson City, Tenn.

She was an active member in 4-H club work for seven years in Mitchell county, was also active in other organizations during her college career. She was president of the Home Economics Club, president of Baptist Student Union choir, secretary of Central Religious Council, secretary and treasurer of Stone Hall dormitory, member of Future Teachers of America organization, R. O. T. C. sponsor, and was selected for Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities.

Miss Street and W. C. Richardson, assistant county agent, will accompany the 4-H girls and boys to 4-H camp at Camp Schaub in Waynesville on June 25, and stay through June 30.

Savings And Loan Ends Convention Saturday

The convention of the North Carolina Savings and Loan League came to an end at Mayview Manor, Blowing Rock, Saturday evening, with the annual banquet, and the appearance of Mr. Ross of Philadelphia, noted after dinner speaker.

The convention was attended by more than 250 delegates, and is described by former president W. H. Gragg of Boone as being the biggest gathering in the history of the League.

The banquet session was featured by Mr. Gragg's transfer of the gavel to Mr. J. V. Brittle, the new president, an official of the Home Building and Loan Association of Kinston.

Mr. Gragg was presented a handsome watch, as a token of appreciation for his services as president during the past year.

Mr. J. L. Suttle, Jr., of the Cleveland Building and Loan Association, Shelby, was elected first vice-president; E. D. Kuykendall, Jr., was reelected director, executive vice-president and general counsel.

New directors are J. P. Floyd, Oxford Building and Loan, Oxford; R. T. Boatwright, First Federal Savings and Loan, Conover; Frank L. Hoyle, Jr., First Federal Savings and Loan, Hendersonville; Frederick Willetts, Jr., Cooperative Savings and Loan, Wilmington, and W. H. Gragg.

Secretary of State Dulles said he did not consider the invitation of the Soviet Union for a visit to Moscow by high-ranking Air Force officers "too significant."

Mr. Al Boyles, director of promotion and advertising, was in Bristol Monday and Tuesday for his own performances at the Kiwanis and Rotary Clubs as a part of the general promotion of the Horn.

Rehearsals have been going on for more than ten days and will continue until the opening in Boone on the 30th.

Gay Parade, Picnic Dinner To Usher In Fifth "Horn" Season

Andy Greer, 76, Dies On Tuesday

Andy Greer, 76 years old, died Tuesday evening, June 12th, at his home in the Villas neighborhood.

Funeral services were held Thursday afternoon, June 14th, at the Brushy Fork Baptist Church, of which he was a member. The services were conducted by the R. C. Eggers, Rev. Ronda Earp, and Rev. Grady Minton.

Clay Verne Greene, Ted Greene, Roy Minton, Dewey Earp, Robert Earp, and A. D. Dancy, grandsons of Mr. Greer, were pallbearers. Flower girls were granddaughters and nieces of deceased. Burial was in the Hagaman cemetery.

Mr. Greer is survived by the widow, Mrs. Nannie Greene Greer; five sons, Fred and Billy, of Charlotte; Henry of Salisbury; Stanley and James, of Villas. There are six daughters: Mrs. Dora Greene, Mrs. Mary Minton, Mrs. Gertie Earp and Mrs. Madge Dancy of Villas; Mrs. Mae Barnes of Hudson and Mrs. Fae Harmon of Pontiac, Mich.

There are 44 grand children, 13 great grandchildren and one brother, C. M. Greer of Lenoir.



GAY COLONIAL COSTUMES TO BE SEEN IN HORN IN THE WEST

"Horn-Capade" Is Series Of Opening Events

By V. G. ROLLINS

The fifth season of Horn in the West will be ushered in Saturday, June 30, with a big parade through Boone and a picnic dinner on the Daniel Boone Theatre grounds.

The series of events leading up to the opening local performance of the historical outdoor drama has been designated as "Horn-capade" and is jointly sponsored by the Southern Appalachian Historical Association, the Boone Chamber of Commerce, the Blowing Rock Chamber of Commerce, and the Boone and Watauga County Merchants Association.

A kickoff meeting attended by representatives of these organizations and other interested persons was held Monday to lay plans and appoint committees to work out details of the promotion.

The purpose of all the fanfare is to focus local attention on the Horn opening and fill the theater with Watauga County people opening night.

To that end, an advance ticket sale is being conducted and reduced rates will be in effect for opening night only, officials of the historical association have announced. The theme is "Opening night MUST be Watauga County night."

The parade is scheduled to get underway at 5 p. m., and all Boone stores are asked to close their doors at that hour. Saturday shoppers are also urged to complete their shopping prior to the start of the parade.

Queen Contest

In addition to a variety of floats, covered wagons, horseback riders, bands, marchers, and other units, the parade will feature a float carrying contestants for the title of "Horn-capade Queen," who will be selected at the theater grounds at the conclusion of the parade.

Queen sponsors listed to date include the following: Trailway Laundry & Cleaners, Stallings Jewelers, Chamber of Commerce Palmer's Photo Shop, Boone Tire & Bargain Store, Radio Station WATA, Boone Drug Company, Winkler Motor Company, The Northwestern Bank, Andrews Chevrolet, Inc., Blue Ridge Motor Court, Church's, Inc., and Farmers Hardware & Supply Co.

Additional queen sponsors are solicited, and any organization or place of business which desires to enter a queen in the contest is asked to contact any member of the Queens Committee, who are R. D. Hodges, Jr. (chairman), Billy Ralph, Winkler, O. K. Richardson, James Marsh, and Howard Holshouser, Jr.

Horn In West Goes To Bristol

This week Horn in the West goes to Bristol for two performances, Friday and Saturday nights, as a part of the Bristol centennial celebration.

If rain prevents either performance, the drama will be staged Sunday evening.

The technicians have been in Bristol nearly all week and the cast leaves Boone early Thursday morning, and will have a dress rehearsal that evening. All scenery and stage properties are being taken to Bristol today, also.

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Blowing Rock Will Celebrate Fourth

Committees have been appointed and detailed plans are being made for the annual Fourth of July celebration at Blowing Rock.

Entertainment will be provided for the entire day, including baseball, a pet show, horse show, patriotic services, and square dance. A detailed program will appear in the next edition of the Democrat.

Playground Child Care

Beginning with this week end a Park Mother will be on Playground Park, Blowing Rock. Small children may be left in her care for a nominal hourly fee. Park rules require that children under nine years of age be in charge of an older person.

It is hoped that this added service will be helpful to parents.

First Square Dance

The first square dance of the summer season will be held at the Playground Park Pavilion in Blowing Rock next Friday evening at 8:30.

Jack Williams' band will supply the music. The event will be supervised by members of the American Legion who will have proper authority to maintain good behavior.

Everyone is invited to these dances which will be held at the same time each week throughout the summer.

Jesse D. Hodges Is Singer-Actor



JESSE DALE HODGES

Jesse Dale Hodges, son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Hodges of Boone, has signed a recording contract with Carvel Record Co., Long Beach, Calif., the Democrat has been advised.

The dispatch says that Dale "will wax four sides for us within four weeks."

He attended Appalachian High School and graduated in 1950. He acquired some of his musical training from William Ross and Mrs. Elsie Erneston, teachers at Appalachian High. The Carvel Company says "we feel that Jesse has the necessary qualifications for becoming a top recording artist."

Mr. Hodges is also appearing as a singer-actor in a Hollywood production, titled "Devil's Paradise," starring Bela Lugosi. The theme involves dope addiction. Hodges was selected for the part "because of his singing-acting ability."

Lions Club Installs New Slate Officers

The Boone Lions Club held its annual Ladies' Night meeting and officially installed its new president, Ira S. Ayers, in the dining room of the Daniel Boone Hotel Tuesday night.

The speaker of the evening was Lion Hugh G. Mitchell of Statesville, International Counselor of Lions International, who gave an inspirational talk on Lionism to the large crowd of Lions and Lionesses.

Lion Leo K. Pritchett was master of ceremonies.

Dr. Lee Reynolds, retiring president, delivered a brief message in which he expressed his appreciation for the cooperation accorded him by the entire club during his term of office.

International Counselor Mitchell conducted ceremonies installing President Ayers, who also made a brief talk.

Other new officers, also installed by Lion Mitchell, were: First Vice President, Dr. John W. Workman; Second Vice President, A. E. Hamby, Jr.; Third Vice President, Guy Hunt; Secretary, C. A. Priece; Treasurer, Major J. H. Thomas; Tail Twisters, Alton Batts and John Robinson; Lion Tamer, D. O. Ray.

New directors seated were C. M. Yates and V. G. Rollins.

Fun throughout the evening was supplied by the Tail Twisters, and adjournment followed the traditional Lions Toast: "Not above you, not beneath you—but with you."

Band Concerts To Start Monday

The summer school band will present its first outdoor concert Monday evening at 6:30 o'clock. The band has been in operation for only two weeks, but will be ready for summer time playing.

The concert will be given on the lawn by the Fine Arts Building. Benches will be placed on the banks for listeners pleasure and comfort, and entire families are invited to this concert.

Surrey Is Given New Park Position

Mr. William C. Surrey, former Park Ranger, has been appointed Soil Conservationist for the North Carolina portion of the Blue Ridge Parkway, and will continue to make his home in Boone.

Mr. Surrey, a native of Rochester, N. Y., is a graduate of Cornell University in the field of horticulture and plant sciences. He was formerly with the New York State Park system. He has been with the National Park Service for nine and one-half years.

Robert G. White, formerly of Tucson, Arizona, has been designated to succeed Mr. Surrey as Park Ranger. Mr. White, a native of Iowa, is a graduate of Washington State College in the field of Wildlife Management. Besides his experience in that field, Mr. White spent two years with the Army Signal Corps as First Lieutenant, nine months of it in France. He also has taken graduate work at the University of Arizona.

Mr. and Mrs. White and two children will establish their residence in Boone.

The Consumer Price Index included upward from mid-March to mid-April.



PARKWAY SCENE . . . Views such as this will be witnessed by thousands of Blue Ridge Parkway travelers this year. A record number of tourists are expected to travel over the route this year.

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The Junior Chamber of Commerce is in charge of the floats, and all matters pertaining to the entry of floats or other units for the parade should be referred to Dr. Gene Reese, president.

Parade marshals are Harold Rice, chief, and Stanley A. Harris.

The general steering committee is composed of Dr. Walter Keys, Howard Holshouser, Sr., Stanley Harris, Al Boyles, Paul Coffey, Glenn R. Andrews, Harold Rice, and Dr. Gene Reese.

Picnic For All

The picnic dinner for members of the historical association, the Chamber of Commerce, and the Merchants Association will be held on the Daniel Boone Theatre grounds following the parade. Anyone who will bring a picnic lunch is cordially invited to participate.

Other committees for the promotion include:

Traffic—Raleigh Cottrell, Dale Andrews.

Bands—Alfred Adams, chairman; Roy Blanton, Nick Erneston, Transportation—G. C. Greene, Jr., chairman; Robert Congleton, Tom Winkler.

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