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BOONE WEATHER				
Date	High	Low	6 p.m.	prec.
July 3	85	62	76	.00
July 4	80	58	74	.07
July 5	78	53	69	.00
July 6	72	55	60	.27
July 7	77	56	72	.13
July 8	76	51	68	.19
July 9	78	53	76	.31

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Man Fatally Shot In Sunday Fracas

Clemon Triplett, 47, of Triplett was shot and killed during a fight in a church yard near Boone Sunday afternoon.

Watauga County Sheriff E. M. Hodges said that William Oscar Waytt, 45, operator of a cafe at the intersection of Highways 16 and 88 near Glendale Springs, is being held in the Watauga County Jail for investigation in connection with the killing.

Mr. Triplett's brother, Elmer, 41, is being treated in Watauga Hospital for gunshot wounds in his leg.

He told Sheriff Hodges that Waytt shot him and his brother following a fight on the grounds of Mount Ephraim Baptist Church. The sheriff said Waytt denied he fired on the two men.

Mr. Triplett said Waytt had been driving his car across the church grounds, and the two brothers sought to get his name and license number, Sheriff Hodges reported.

After a tussle on the church grounds, Waytt pulled out a .32 caliber pistol and fired on the two men, the Sheriff quoted Mr. Triplett as saying.

The pistol was found some time later in a patch of weeds near the church.

Mr. Triplett was born in Watauga County Sept. 27, 1911, son of June and Mattie Miller Triplett. He had been employed at the Lenoir Furniture Corporation at Lenoir for six years. He was a member of Mount Ephraim Baptist Church.

Surviving are the widow, Mrs. Pearl Triplett; five sons, Terry, Gene, George, Tom and Steve Triplett, all of the home; three daughters, Mrs. Doris Yates of Boone, Mrs. Shirley Watson of Lenoir and June Triplett of the home; one stepdaughter, Mrs. Kelly Coffey of Lenoir; one stepson, Luther Smith of the Army in Germany; his father, June Triplett of Triplett; four brothers, Joe Triplett of Triplett, Elmer Triplett of Lenoir, Gade and O'Neal Triplett of Gallion, Ohio; and two sisters, Mrs. Lena Miller of Lenoir and Mrs. Stella Watson of Laxton.

Funeral services for Mr. Triplett were conducted at Mount Ephraim church Wednesday at 2 o'clock. Burial was in the Rhymer graveyard.

Funeral Held For Dr. Austin

Funeral services for Dr. DeWitt R. Austin, 64, of 2172 Norton Rd., Charlotte, were held Wednesday at 11 a. m. at the Harry & Bryant Chapel in The Oaks with Dr. James A. Fogartie, pastor of the Myers Park Presbyterian Church officiating.

The prominent Charlotte physician died Tuesday at 2:30 p. m. in a local hospital after a short illness.

Dr. Austin was born in Union County, the son of the late Dr. James A. Austin, a Charlotte physician for 40 years, and the late Sarah Jane Duncan Austin.

UNC Graduate

He was graduated from the University of North Carolina and Jefferson Medical College in Philadelphia and did graduate work at the University of Pennsylvania, Northwestern University and the New York Postgraduate College. He served as a captain in the World War I.

For many years, Dr. Austin and his brother, the late Dr. Fred D. Austin, maintained offices and practiced together here.

Dr. Austin was a member of the Myers Park Presbyterian Church, the Mecklenburg County Medical Society, the American Medical Association, Omega Upsilon Phi Medical Fraternity, the Masons.

Surviving are his wife, the former Miss Allie West of Marshall; two sons, DeWitt R. Austin Jr. of Charlotte and Ronald Sevier Austin, at the University of North Carolina; three sisters, Mrs. R. H. Hardin of Boone; Mrs. G. H. Pettit and Mrs. J. B. Rudisill of Charlotte; two brothers, B. Otto Austin of Lima, Ohio, and James H. Austin of Charlotte, and three grandchildren.



CONCERT ARTISTS, left to right standing: Lutz Mayer, Oliver Godla, Edwin Gerschefski, Nicholas Erneston; seated: Walton Cole.

Noted Musicians Arrange Concert

Dogs Plaguuing Sheep Owners

Dogs are causing considerable trouble to sheep raisers in the county, according to reports. During the month of June and the first nine days of July, farmers have filed with the county commissioners applications seeking damages done by dogs in the death of 13 sheep.

Edgar Brown, who gave out figures showing the loss to farmers and taxpayers, stated that money awarded the farmers for their sheep and other animals killed by dogs would ordinarily go into the school fund. Last year the commissioners awarded damages to the amount of \$618.00. This year they have set up in the fiscal budget an amount of \$700.00 for that purpose. The commissioners pass on the amount of damages and if any, the farmers are paid by Mr. Brown's office of tax supervisor.

Mr. Brown warns that dog owners are liable to any damages done by dogs, and urges that they be kept up or tied.

Mother Major Thomas Is Dead

Mrs. John M. Thomas, 78, Havertown, Pa., mother of Major J. H. Thomas of Boone, died in her sleep early Friday morning. She had apparently recovered from a recent illness.

Funeral rites were held Wednesday at 10 o'clock at the Sacred Heart Church of Manoa, Pa. Interment was in Holy Cross cemetery, Yeadon, Pa.

Survivors are: Major J. H. Thomas, Boone; Mrs. Anne R. Simpson, Mrs. Eleanor R. Thompson of Havertown, Pa.

Mrs. Thomas, the widow of John M. Thomas, was the daughter of the late Dr. and Mrs. William H. Rush, Ardmore, Pa.

Major and Mrs. Thomas returned to Boone Tuesday from Havertown.

Communist China is planning a record \$12,000,000,000 budget for 1956. The budget called for higher state expenditures for heavy industry and agriculture. However, it included a cut in defense spending.

Summer Band Will Appear In Concert

The Summer School Band will present its second concert on the lawn next Monday evening, July 16 at 6:30 p. m. The band will play both the old favorites and the newest just out for band and your enjoyment.

Mr. Spencer announces that benches have been put on the lawn for your convenience, but you should come early as they fill up fast.

The band will continue next summer term as before and all who have not had the chance to

participate are invited to do so at any time.

Again the band has been invited to furnish the music for the Masonic Annual Picnic in Mocksville this year on the second Thursday in August. If you plan to play with the band on this occasion it is suggested that you come and start playing with the band as soon as possible.

Plan now to attend the open air band concert and bring your friends.

A program of chamber music will be presented in the Fine Arts Auditorium at Appalachian State Teachers College Thursday evening at 8 o'clock. The program will consist of three of the famous trios by Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart in celebration of the 200th anniversary of the Austrian composer's birth. Participating in the program will be Edwin Gerschefski and Walton Cole, pianists; Nicholas Erneston and Lutz Mayer, violinists; and Oliver Godla, cellist.

Mr. Gerschefski, an eminent pianist and composer, is dean of the school of music at Converse College in Spartanburg, S. C., and is an examining official for this district for the National Association of Schools of Music. He is a member of the visiting summer faculty at the Boone school.

Mr. Cole is head of the piano faculty at Appalachian, having taught here since 1951. He is a graduate of the Memphis College of Music and of Southwestern College, and has his masters degree from the University of Arizona, where he studied under Julia M. Rebell. Mr. Cole has appeared in many two piano concerts in this state.

Mr. Erneston is a member of the graduate faculty at Appalachian, where he directs the orchestra. He is a graduate of the Cincinnati Conservatory of Music, and former concert master of the Conservatory Symphony and opera Orchestras. He also played professionally in the Dayton (Ohio) Symphony Orchestra, and was a member of the Cincinnati Fine Arts Chamber Music Society. He studied violin with Julian Palkowski, Paul Katz, and Jean Ten Have.

Mr. Mayer is a recent graduate of the University of North Carolina, where he was a student of Edgar Alden, head of the string department. He attended UNC on a freshman music scholarship, and served as concert master of the University orchestra during his senior year. He is from Greensboro in which city he plans to teach this fall.

Mr. Godla is a teacher of instrumental music in the Charlotte city school system. He is working towards his masters degree at Appalachian State, having studied on the undergraduate level at Curtis Institute and Baldwin-Wallace College. He is a member of the Charlotte Symphony Orchestra, the Charlotte Opera Orchestra, and the Carolina Hour Orchestra.

The program is as follows: Trio No. 2 in B-flat, Mr. Gerschefski, piano, Mr. Mayer, violin and Mr. Godla, cello.

Trio No. 4 in C, Mr. Gerschefski, piano, Mr. Erneston, violin, and Mr. Godla, cello.

Trio No. 5 in G, Mr. Cole, piano, Mr. Erneston, violin, and Mr. Godla, cello.

The public is invited.

Wilson Named Welfare Group

Mr. George Wilson, has been appointed to membership on the county welfare board.

The appointment by the board of commissioners fills the place held by Paul A. Coffey, whose term had expired.

Chest X-Ray Program Will Start In Watauga On 28th

Stockholders Land Bank Hold Meeting

By V. G. ROLLINS
The largest annual stockholders' meeting in the history of the Boone National Farm Loan Association was held Saturday morning in the Watauga County courthouse.

More than 500 farmers, their families, and other friends of the association from Alleghany, Ashe, Avery, Caldwell, Mitchell, Watauga, and Wilkes counties jammed the courtroom.

T. E. Haigler, regional manager of the Federal Land Bank of Columbia, S. C., with which the Boone NFLA is affiliated, read the financial report and congratulated S. C. Eggers, president, John H. Holiar, secretary-treasurer and other officials on the fine state of the Boone association's finances.

During the regime of the present officers, since July 11, 1952, 568 loans have been made to farmers, totaling \$1,442,653.00, he said. In the past year, 103 loans were made totaling \$350,000. Repayment records of the association are good, said Haigler, with the percentage of delinquencies very small.

Principal speaker was Rufus R. Clarke, president of the Federal Land Bank of Columbia, which serves farm credit organizations in four states, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, and Florida.

Introduced by President Eggers, Clarke discussed the wise use of credit and gave ten rules for building and maintaining a good credit standing:

1. Get your credit from specialists, in this case an organization that specializes in lending to farmers.
2. Keep your credit in one place.
3. Take an annual inventory.
4. Plan to repay loans out of operating income.
5. Plan ahead on your credit needs.
6. Use the right kind of credit (as to long term, short term, etc.).
7. Work out a repayment plan for your loan.
8. Meet your payments when due.
9. Be frank with your lender (as to other obligations, etc.).
10. Borrow money to make or save money (not to live on).

The Federal Land Bank is able to render better service than ever before, said the speaker, due to revised policies which allow it to grant larger loans on good security, loans to farm family corporations, loans for broader purposes, and the fact that it now recognizes outside income, other than from the farm, as repayment sources.

"We never foreclose as long as

a farmer is doing his honest best to repay his loan," Clarke concluded.

Directors Re-elected
S. C. Eggers, president, and J. Mack Moore of Caldwell County, vice president, whose terms as directors were expiring, were unanimously re-elected for another term.

Many Prizes
Haigler presided at the traditional awarding of prizes to lucky ticket holders, which included:

One hundred silver dollars from the Boone NFLA; a Westinghouse clock radio from Centre Furniture Company; a ton of fertilizer in 500 pound lots from Armour Fertilizer Company and Watauga Produce Company, Inc.; 200 pounds of fertilizer from the Watauga FCX Service; a \$25 cash certificate from Southern Insecticides, Inc.; \$5.00 cash from Watauga Insurance Agency; a paint spray from Caldwell Farm Supply; a pocket knife from Farmers Hardware & Supply Company, Inc.; and a gallon of paint from Watauga Hardware, Inc.

There were also prizes for the oldest person present, youngest person, person who traveled farthest to the meeting, and person who brought the largest number of people to the meeting.

Mrs. Robbins Dies On Monday

Mrs. Tempie Lucretia Robbins, 73, well-known resident of Boone, died at Watauga Hospital Monday, where she had been a patient for eleven days.

Funeral services were conducted Wednesday morning at 10 o'clock from the Presbyterian Church. Rev. J. K. Parker, Jr., conducted the rites and burial was in the city cemetery.

Mrs. Robbins, who was a daughter of the late W. H. Calloway and Myra M. Calloway, was born and reared in the Shulls Mills section. The family had maintained their home in Boone for many years.

Mrs. Robbins is survived by two sons and one daughter: Paul Vernon Robbins, Drexel Hill, Pa.; Max Robbins, Upper Darby, Pa.; Mrs. J. H. Mitchell, Greensboro. There is one sister, Mrs. O. D. Freeman, Jefferson.

Portugal has placed two strategically placed air bases at the disposal of the United States and its NATO allies.

State Recreation Group To Meet Here

The North Carolina Recreation Commission will meet in Boone on July 23 at the new Physical Education building. This will be the first time this commission has ever met in the western part of the state. Appalachian State Teachers College will be the host and have invited the families of the commission members.

Coach R. W. Watkins, director of physical education at the col-

lege, is a member of this commission.

Coach Watkins will have charge of the meeting which will open at 10 a. m. and convene at 1 o'clock.

The commission will have lunch at the college lunch room, and then engage in several activities. The families will go swimming in the college pool, play golf, and visit points of interest in and around Boone.

First Folks Arts Festival Is Featured By Songs, Dances

The Season's first Folk Arts Festival was held Saturday on the platform near the Horn in the West theatre. Evona York of Mocksville sang two songs. Stanley Hicks and "Uncle Dick" Chase told tales. Mrs. Dorothy Lookabill of Zionville sang "Elen Smith" and led the gathering in the singing of "Barbara Allen." The audience sang "Casey Jones" in honor of "Tweeatie."

Folk games were enjoyed by all

ages. Bob Stecho, an actor from the Horn east, did an Ukrainian folk dance and Uncle Dick demonstrated two figures of an English Morris dance, "Old Mother Oxford," to a variant of the well-known tune "Turkey in the Straw."

Mr. Chase exhibited an ancient flint-lock rifle loaned to the festival by Roy Farthing and he also shot arrows into the air with a Robin Hood longbow. Durl Laney, a college student, brought two



DAVID WINGATE

David Wingate To Appear In Vocal Concert

A recital affording much public interest will be given on Monday evening, July 16, at 8 o'clock, in the auditorium of the Fine Arts Building, when David Wingate, baritone, will present a program of standard recital and concert songs including novelty numbers and favorite operatic selections.

David is a favorite with Boone audiences and has given generously of his time and talents to the churches of Boone, civic organizations and campus activities. He is a student of Mrs. Virginia Wary Linney, and has appeared as soloist with the College Choir in its annual presentation of the Messiah, as well as in its variety shows and the annual spring tours. He was one of the guest soloists during the Christmas season in the Christmas Cantata given in Cherryville under the direction of Frances Crabeal, and again in Mooresville at the Easter season in a presentation of Dubois' Seven Last Words, directed by Mr. Klepper. He is singing for the second successive season in the chorus of Horn in the West.

Assisting David at the piano as guest soloist and accompanist is Miss Joan Melton of Albemarle. Joan is no stranger to Boone audiences, having appeared in concert two successive seasons during the piano workshop conducted by Paldofski. She is studying to become a concert pianist. She has been a student of Miss Annycy Worsham of Albemarle, and Dr. Robert Carter of East Carolina College.

The public is invited.

Ladies' Night At Merchants Meeting

The annual ladies' night meeting of the Merchants Association will be held at the Boone Trail Restaurant Friday evening.

Clyde R. Greene will be the principal speaker and members of the board of directors, and officers will be elected.

The dinner will include hain and fried chicken and will be served for \$1.50.

President Eisenhower recently signed the \$33,480,000,000 highway construction bill, and Secretary of Commerce Weeks promptly announced the allocation of \$1,125,000,000 to states.

Program Seen As Better Than Ever Before

Miss Iris Turlington, publicity director for the North Carolina State Board of Health, is in the county making preliminary plans for the annual chest x-ray program which starts July 28.

Miss Turlington is working with the district health department, which hopes that the program this year may be infinitely better than last when some four thousand x-rays were made. Dr. Mary Michal, district health officer, believes that if full advantage is taken of the program, there should be ten thousand x-rays made this year.

X-rays will be made in Watauga at the following places:

Blowing Rock, July 28, 30, August 1 and 2.

Boone, August 3, 4, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 21, 22.

Appalachian State Teachers College September 7 and 8.

Date for a stop in the Sugar Grove area will be announced later.

Miss Turlington and Dr. Michal are joining in a plea for all those 15 and older to have these x-rays made in an effort to curb the inroads of tuberculosis, and point out that additional advantages are that lung tumor or abnormal heart conditions may be discovered at the same time.

Facts about the program are spelled out in the following health department bulletin:

What Is The Program?
Free chest x-ray for every person in the district 15 years of age and over. Reading of x-ray film by radiologist. A written report mailed within two or three weeks to every individual x-rayed. Second chest x-ray when indicated and without charge.

How Long Will It Be Conducted?
Two mobile x-ray units will operate in the district from July 28 through September 8. X-raying will be done five days a week, Tuesday through Saturday, six hours a day from 11 a. m. to 5 p. m. Consult schedule for your most convenient location. No undressing necessary. It takes only a few minutes.

Where Will X-Raying Be Done?
It will be done in Sparta, Lansing, West Jefferson, Blowing Rock, Appalachian State Teachers College, Boone, Prison Camps, and certain large industries in the district.

Why Have This Program?
It is an economical method of finding tuberculosis and other chest conditions, such as some types of lung tumor or some types of heart disease.

Early discovery of tuberculosis in apparently healthy people will lead to: Earlier treatment greatly increasing the chance of cure. A shorter period of treatment, saving in hospitalization costs. Less loss of time from work. Less danger of family and associates being infected.

Early diagnosis of other chest conditions: Leads to earlier treatment and recovery at less expense. Lengthens life.

Your Responsibility In The Program
Get your chest x-rayed. Encourage your family, friends, neighbors, employees, associates and especially your grandparents to get their chests x-rayed.

Badly Injured In Fall From Tree

Ernest Vannoy of Poplar Grove, was critically injured last week when he fell from a 20-foot ladder in a cherry tree while picking cherries at his home last week. Mr. Vannoy suffered head and back injuries and remains in a serious condition at Watauga Hospital.

Young men in the so-called "hot rod" age group will pay from 12 to 51 per cent more for automobile insurance in New York State because companies find they have the most and the worst accidents.

A Correction

The Democrat carried a business survey story last week indicating high prosperity and mounting business activity in Watauga county.

However, the gremlins set to work, and messed up the figures. Retail trade was correctly given at \$10,033,000 for the past year, which was a marked increase over the \$9,261,000 of the previous year. The latter figure however was given as 19,261,000.

Albuquerque, N. M.—Tax delinquents hereabouts will probably hurry to get their accounts straight with Uncle Sam. The Bureau of Revenue here has announced the employment of Ermete Foggi, better known among the wrestling fans as "Gorilla" Foggi, to collect delinquent tax accounts.