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BOONE WEATHER				
Date	High	Low	W. S. M.	Prob.
July 10	77	52	75	
July 11	73	48	71	
July 12	72	47	71	95
July 13	73	59	69	95
July 14	71	60	69	
July 15	81	59	72	49
July 16	73	59	69	136

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## R. D. Hodges Heads Retailing Group

R. D. Hodges, Jr., was elected president of the Boone Merchants Association for the year 1956-57, at the annual ladies' night meeting held last Friday night, July 13, in the banquet room of the Boone Trail Restaurant. He succeeds Glenn R. Andrews.

Paul A. Coffey was named vice-president, and directors are G. R. Andrews, Cecil Miller, Van Farthing, W. R. Winkler, Jr., D. O. Ray, W. W. Chester, Russell D. Hodges, Dr. W. R. Richardson, Fred Church, Ralph Tugman, and Alfred T. Adams.

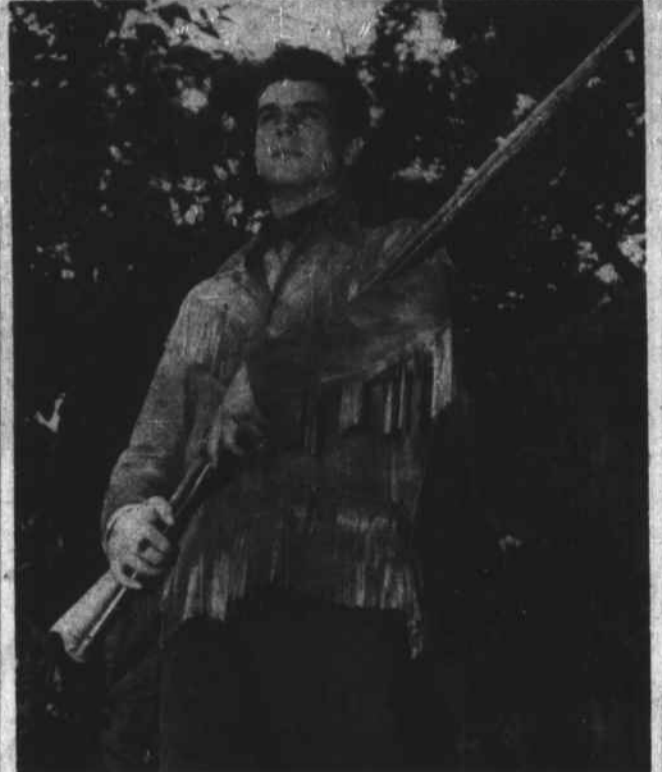
Stanley A. Harris was re-elected manager, and Mrs. Joyanne Wood secretary.

Clyde R. Greene, director of the Southeastern Area of the Commodity Stabilization Service, was the principal speaker.

Greene, who was one of the Boone Merchants Association's first presidents and was for two terms president of the North Carolina State Merchants Association, spoke on the benefits to be derived from being a member of a Merchants Association.

Listing five ways in which Merchants Associations particularly help the merchants, Greene said, "An organized group can do more in getting important legislation—legislation which can make or break a merchant—passed than an individual can."

He told the merchants that an organized group can do a better job of advertising than an individual merchant can; that through the exchange of information among members, he can protect himself from fraudulent schemes, from bad check artists, and from other practices that eat away the merchant's earnings. He said that exchange of credit information was



HORN IN THE WEST CHARACTER . . . BOBBY SOX' HERO

## Handsome Bob Grubbs Popular Horn Figure

By AL BOYLES

Handsome Bob Grubbs who plays the part of Jack Stuart in Horn in the West, has become a real hero to the bobby soxers.

It seems to have started in Bristol, Va. sneak preview of the drama. Tearful young ladies left the theatre because their hero dies near the end of the show. Bob was kept busy after the show signing autographs as Jack Stuart.

Watt H. Gragg, installing the new officers, told them they must go forward and build a bigger and better organization than Boone has had in previous years, to keep in step with the rapid growth of Watauga. He said he had seen many of the business projects operating today begin since Boone merchants Association was organized and he expected to see a continuous growth of new enterprises in the town and county. He urged the merchants to cooperate with each other for the good of all and stated that they could not expect people outside Watauga County to help them unless they helped themselves through such cooperation.

## Plemmons Asks Millions For College Expansion

### First Summer Term To End Friday; Highest Number Enroll In History

The first term of the summer session at Appalachian State Teachers College will end Friday at noon, with the highest number enrolled (1475) in any term in the college's history.

Estimates are that the second term will be equal to, or will surpass, last year's enrollment which was the largest of any second term at summer school.

Beginning on July 23, the second term will carry a number of courses which are expected to attract considerable interest. One is a course in the Living Folk Arts, which is a first such course to be offered in the entire country. Many courses in folk arts are available elsewhere, but none in the living folk arts.

Also opening on the 23rd will be a workshop on North Carolina, Audio-Visual Aids Workshop, Elementary Education Workshop (with special attention to materials and methods in the fields of reading, literature, and crafts), Guidance Workshop, Reading Workshop. Each of these workshops will carry three quarter hours for credit.

The course in Living Folk Arts is a six-weeks course. It will be directed by Richard Chase, nationally known folklorist, and by Miss Beulah Campbell, professor of children's literature at Westminster College in Pennsylvania.

Director of the workshop on North Carolina is Mrs. Lois Floyd, supervisor in the Lumberton City Schools; audio-visual aids, Mrs. Bruce Miller, Bridgeton; elementary education, Mrs. Floy McEachern of the College of Education, University of Florida, and Mrs. Martha Cody of Gainesville, Florida.

Guidance workshop, Miss Katherine Kitchen, guidance director of the Rocky Mount Public Schools; reading workshop, Umberto Price of the Department of Education at Appalachian State Teachers College; children's literature workshop, Miss Beulah Campbell.

A third group of short courses and workshops will also begin on August 6. Those which begin on July 23 will end on August 3; those which begin on August 6 will end on August 17.

The regular term beginning July 23 will end on August 24. The class-hour has been extended to one hour and fifteen minutes, so that the term will be over in time for teachers and administrators to report to their respective schools as required.

### State Budget Group Hears Of Campus Needs

North Carolina's Advisory Budget Commission spent Friday night and Saturday on the campus of Appalachian State Teachers College, making an inspection of the campus, and listening to the request of the college for funds for permanent improvements for the next biennium.

The group was headed by D. S. Coltrane, the assistant director of the budget. He was accompanied by L. D. Moore, his administrative assistant, and Frank Turner, engineer with the Budget Bureau. Members of the commission who attended were J. K. Doughton of Stratford, the chairman; Carl V. Venters of Jacksonville; J. C. Eagles of Wilson; Leroy Martin of Salisbury; and Nelson Woodson of Hookerton was unable to be present. Also attending were C. V. Henkel, Jr., senator from Turnersburg in Iredell County; and Roy Thompson, staff writer from the Winston-Salem Journal.

Dr. W. H. Plemmons, the president of the college since last September, reviewed some of the accomplishments of the college in prefacing his request. He reminded the group that Appalachian has always, since its beginning, devoted its energies to the preparation of the best teachers possible for the public schools of this area and the state. "Every person who receives a degree from Appalachian," he told them, "also receives a certificate to teach in the public schools of North Carolina." He said that the institution has a great history and has been blessed with great leadership, and that he is proud to be connected with it and to help carry on its great traditions and its contributions.

During 1955-56, Dr. Plemmons said, 2201 individual students enrolled at Appalachian, and approximately 450 will receive their degrees this year. Recent studies show, he stated, that 89 per cent of Appalachian's graduates teach, and that 84 per cent of them teach in North Carolina.

Pointing out that the summer school enrollment this summer (1475) is approximately 200 above any previous comparable figure, Dr. Plemmons said that Appalachian is growing in numbers of students and in services it renders. However, he said that he had found no desire on the part of the people here for the college to become a large college. "Everyone wants it to remain a good college," he said, "and, wherever possible, to improve the quality of its product."

Dr. Plemmons said that in making requests of the State for the next biennium the college authorities were thinking in terms of a maximum student enrollment by 1960 of some 3,000 students. Such an enrollment, he feels, would enable the college to provide approximately twice as many teachers for the public schools each year as it is now providing. "If, however," he told the commission, "it appears that our contribution to the number of teachers should be greater, we shall gladly accept whatever responsibilities for meeting the demands for teachers that are imposed upon us."

Dr. Plemmons reported that of the faculty of 92 during the past year, 25 hold the doctor's degree, and 17 have completed requirements for the doctor's degree except finishing the dissertation.

Speaking of recent resignations of some promising young faculty members who have left to accept positions at much higher salaries, Dr. Plemmons said, "Prospective teachers deserve no less good instruction than those preparing for any other profession. Under present circumstances we simply cannot meet the competition for outstanding college teachers." He said, therefore, he hoped the commission would look with favor upon the request of the college for money with which to grant modest increases in salaries for faculty members.

Leading up to his request for money to cover the cost of needed



DR. PLEMMONS . . . Asks for new college buildings

### Greene Named On Retail Group

Raleigh.—R. W. Wilkinson, president of the N. C. Merchants Association, has announced the appointment of Clyde R. Greene as a member of the Research and Extension committee for the 1955-56 fiscal year. Harold Robertson of Madison has been named chairman of the committee.

Investigation of services of the organization and recommendations of new ways to assist merchants with their problems are the chief functions of the Research and Extension committee. Mr. Greene is local director of the North Carolina Merchants Association.

## Boone Folk Festival Is Largely Attended

In spite of threatening skies the second Daniel Boone Folk Festival was well attended. At 3 o'clock the festival platform seats were filled and children were seated on the nearby logs and the few chairs were in use.

Children's activities included: the singing of 'Froggy Went A-Courting' from John Langstaff's book which recently won the Caldecott Award for the best children's picture book of the year; The Farmer in the Dell with its exciting double-circle ending; and Hullahaloo which was done with many adults in the circle; two tales, Jack's Bull and the story of Wee Meg which Richard Chase brought from a recent visit with Ruth Sawyer, one of the great story-tellers of America; and there were two puppets, Mister Punch and the Monkey. A riddle was told and finally the answer was guessed by a child, and then Mr. Chase led the singing of 'The Riddle Song,' one of the oldest and most beloved of our nation's Old Songs.

About 4 o'clock, adult activities included the singing of two sacred songs, Wondrous Love and The Garden Hymn; a song about The Deaf Woman who couldn't hear a thing until the old man spoke of marriage; The Lark in the Morn was sung out of 'Songs of All Time,' published by the Council of the Southern Mountains. Susan Mauk of Winter Park, Fla., sang Black Is the Color of My True Love's Hair.

Folk games were played by adults and a few young people. These were Circassian Circle, The Cumberland Square Eight, and The Grand March.

Durl Laney brought his old long rifles again and two boys were allowed to try their hand at firing them.

These folk festival gatherings are held every Saturday from 3 to 5 p. m. at the platform near the Horn in the West outdoor theater. They are sponsored by the Southern Appalachian Historical Association, and are directed by Richard Chase and the Daniel Boone Folk Arts Council. There is no admission charge.

### Lambs Are Sold For Top Of \$25

Farmers sold 397 lambs in the first pool held in Watauga county last week for \$6,949.85. Of these 172 graded choice and sold for \$25. per hundred; 83 graded good and sold for \$21.00 per hundred; 87 graded medium and sold for \$15.50 per hundred. There were also 38 commons and 17 other sheep sold.

The next pool will be held August 3 at the Boone Livestock Market.

### Bob Miller Is Hurt In Crash

Mr. Bob Miller, former Watauga resident, and brother of A. C. Miller of Shawneehaw township, was seriously injured in an automobile accident in Cleveland, Ohio, recently.

Mr. Miller suffered cuts, broken ribs, and a punctured lung, while Mrs. Miller received a skull fracture, and a broken arm. A daughter had both legs broken.

The Miller car was in a head-on collision with another vehicle, it was said.

Contrary to public expectations, the average Navy gob prefers the old-type sailor pants, with their buttoned front flap, to the new-type zipper models. Therefore, the Navy is scheduling a change-over to the traditional thirteen-button pants.

### Guard Unit Is Back From Bragg

Officers and men of Service Battery, 112th Field Artillery Battalion North Carolina National Guard arrived in Boone from Fort Bragg where they had been undergoing the annual two weeks summer encampment. While at summer camp the battery showed itself exceptionally capable of performing the duties assigned to it by the 112th Field Artillery Battalion, which is in general technical support.

While at camp Pfc. Billy H. Cooke was selected as the outstanding soldier from Service Battery.

### At Health Meeting

Dr. Mary H. Michal, a director of the North Carolina Mental Health Association, attended a meeting of the board held in Charlotte last Tuesday.

## Appalachian Is Given Reynolds Scholarships

Reynolds Tobacco Company has just awarded Appalachian State Teachers College fifteen scholarships for use in the second term of the summer school at the college, beginning July 23. The scholarships, amounting to \$75 each, will be in driver education. The course will end on August 24.

These scholarships will be available to any teacher who is under contract with the State of North Carolina, with certain provisional requirements. Holders of the scholarships must be teachers or prospective teachers who are also licensed drivers and who have not been involved in any automobile accidents for the past two years. They must also be recommended for the scholarship by their superintendent or principal.

The course will be credited for

### A Correction

Sfc. Luther Smith, who was called from Germany on account of the tragic death of his stepfather, Mr. Clemon Triplett, cites some inaccuracies in the story of the shooting, which are gladly published:

The shooting, says Mr. Smith, did not happen in the churchyard, but on the side of the road about 40 yards from the dead man's front door.

Clemon Triplett was not engaged in the fight, but was shot when he tried to stop the fight in which William O. Wyatt and Elmer Triplett were engaged, and presumably knew nothing of what the altercation was about, Sgt. Smith said.

### County Dress Revue Is Held

The County 4-H Dress Revue was held Tuesday, July 10 in the basement of the Baptist Church in Boone. The winner of the senior division was Lillian Roberts from the Boone Senior Club. The dress modeled was a semi-formal, light blue taffeta which had a double circular skirt. A matching slip was made from satin. She wore white accessories and carried a bouquet of blue carnations.

The junior winner was Mary Helen Hampton from the Boone Junior Club. She modeled a blue and white striped polished cotton school dress and carried a matching purse.

The prize given to the senior winner was \$15.00 donated by the Northwestern Bank. This will pay her expenses to 4-H club week in Raleigh from July 23rd to 28th. The junior winner received \$5.00 donated from the Northwestern Bank and a dress length from Boone Fabric Shop. Second place winners received dress lengths from Belk's Department Store.

The judges for the Dress Revue were Miss Elizabeth Bridge, a former Home Demonstration Agent in Watauga county, and Miss Shirley Hughes, a home economics major at Appalachian State Teachers College.

Refreshments were served afterwards.

Packard ends '56 car production; lays off 3,200.

## "Travelog USA" Is Theme For Boone's Annual Flower Show

"Travelog U. S. A." is the theme for the annual Boone Flower Show scheduled for August 9-10 in the First Baptist Church in Boone and sponsored by the Worthwhile Woman's Club, the Blue Ridge Garden Club, Junior Woman's Club and the Gardenettes. The event promises a rare treat for all who attend; for two summer days a travelog, depicted in floral arrangements, will span the country from New York to California, from Florida to "fruited plains," and will touch such familiar areas as "our own home town," Tweetsie Line, and Blue Ridge Beauties. All of these will be part of the show's artistic division.

Mrs. Lee Reynolds and Mrs. Ed Hall, both nationally accredited amateur flower show judges, are serving as co-chairmen for the 1956 Flower Show.

There will be fourteen classes in the artistic division this year, listed as follows:

1. New York City—A vertical arrangement. No accessories permitted. Niches 25 inches high by 18 inches wide and 14 inches deep.
2. The Arts—An arrangement interpreting the colors and mood of a painting of your choice. Small print to accompany your arrangement. Staged in boxes 25" high, 20" wide, 14" deep. Limit 6."
3. Washington, D. C.—An elegant arrangement in a composite using various flowers in three or more hues. No accessories. Staged in slant-back boxes 20" high, 24" wide, 18" deep. Limit 5."
4. Southern Charm—Massed-line arrangement of roses using rose foliage only. No accessories. Staged in niches 18" high, 20" wide, 14" deep. Open class.
5. Fabulous Florida—An arrangement of tropical material in the modern manner. Boxes 24" high, 20" wide, 14" deep. Limit 6."
6. Blue Ridge Beauties—An arrangement in values of green. Niches 23" high, 18" wide, 14" deep. Open class.
7. The Fruited Plains—An arrangement suggesting the bounties of the farm, using grains, fruits and/or vegetables. Foliage permitted. Niches 18" high, 24" wide, 14" deep. Limit 5, Junior Woman's Club, Gardenettes.
8. Our Own Home Town—Arrangement using less than one dozen flowers. Foliage optional. No accessories. Niches 16" high, 14" wide, 12" deep. Open to Junior Woman's Club and Gardenettes.
9. Sante Fe Trail—Hogarth curve design with accent on rhythm in line and color. No accessories. Niches 25" high, 18" wide, 14" deep. Open class.
10. Golden Gate—An arrangement of yellow or orange flowers. Minimum amount of foliage optional. Niches 23" high, 18" wide, 14" deep. Open class.
11. Tweetsie Line—Miniatures. (a) Fresh arrangement not to exceed 3" overall. Limit 10; (b) Dried line arrangement not to exceed 3" overall. Limit 10.
12. Corages—(a) Tailored for travel; (b) Ever-ready—dried.
13. Natural American Beauties—Niches 18" high, 16" wide, 14" deep. (a) Open class; (b) Invitation class.
14. Tables—Invitation class.

## Most Of Grandfather Mountain Drivers Men

Linville—Are women really father is the famous Mile High Swinging Bridge. The survey indicates that there are some visitors not willing to venture a trip across the swinging bridge.

Of the men, 12.7 percent did not walk across the bridge at the top of the mountain.

Of the women, 30.5 percent were faint-hearted.

Of the children, 20.5 percent did not cross.

A total of 1,798 visitors who drove to the top of Grandfather failed to walk across the bridge. This figures to 20.2 percent.

The survey also showed that Tar Heels appreciate the vacation attractions at home.

Of the 2,000 cars, the greater percentage were from North Carolina and they drove to Blue Ridge mountain in 26 different makes of cars from 199 Tar Heel communities.

Other visitors came from 29 states, Canada, Cuba and the District of Columbia.

An attraction on top of Grand-