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BOONE WEATHER

Date	High	Low	8 p.m.	rain
Aug. 28	72	55	65	.52
Aug. 29	74	52	63	.13
Aug. 30	76	56	69	.02
Aug. 31	79	58	72	.00
Sept. 1	83	56	73	.10
Sept. 2	78	60	70	.00
Sept. 3	84	58	64	.07

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TWO SECTIONS—FOURTEEN PAGES

## REA Group To Meet In Sparta

Lenoir.—Twenty-five hundred members of Blue Ridge Electric Membership Corporation are expected to converge on Sparta High School in Sparta, for the 20th annual membership meeting of their rural electric cooperative. A program of both educational and informational value is planned for all who attend.

The morning program will include a cooking school for the ladies co-sponsored by Farmers Hardware and Implement Company of Sparta and Frigidaire Sales Corporation of Roanoke, Va., a session of demonstrations of new ideas in electric farming presented by T. G. Miller, agricultural engineer for the North Carolina Rural Electrification Authority and Charlie Overman agricultural engineer for Blue Ridge Electric, and movies and television for the children attending, as well as a half-hour children's program in the main auditorium.

With lunches being served on the grounds, the members can be present to the entire all-day affair.

In the afternoon, entertainment will be furnished by local talent groups recently selected from a talent show held in Sparta. They are Fred Rupe's string band, Ivan Gascho vocal quartette, and Paul Miles and Howard Wagner in a piano-banjo duet. Following the entertainment, the general session of the meeting will begin with two addresses. Dr. D. W. Colvard, dean of the School of Agriculture, North Carolina State College, will speak to the group in an informative address on North Carolina's agricultural situation that will be of interest to all in attendance. R. S. Broderick, operations engineer for the Rural Electrification Administration from Washington, D. C., will address the group on "20 Years of Progress Through Rural Electrification." Mr. Broderick's address will depict the advancements and results of farm electrification over the past 20 year period of operation of the R. E. A. rural electrification program.

The appliance dealers of Sparta have joined together in giving prizes valued at around \$1,600 in a drawing to be held at the meeting for those in attendance. Small door prizes will be drawn for in the morning session for those in attendance at the cooking school and electric demonstrations parts of the program.

This 20th annual meeting is a milestone in the history of the cooperative—marking the ending of two decades of electric service and the beginning of another for families in northwestern North Carolina. The annual report by C. E. Vivrette, the general manager of the cooperative, and the election of directors for another year will be highly important parts of the business meeting in the afternoon session. All members have been urged to attend and participate.

## Two Hurt In Crash On Friday

Two persons were hospitalized late Friday afternoon in a collision on East King Street near the intersection of the Blowing Rock Highway when a new Oldsmobile driven by Mrs. Emma Isaacs, crashed into a telephone pole and hit a Chevrolet driven by E. J. Hardin of Boone, Route 2.

Mrs. Veima Ithyer, daughter of Mrs. Isaacs and a passenger in her car, remains in a serious condition at Watauga Hospital from injuries received in the wreck. Mr. Hardin, who received only minor bruises and cuts, was given emergency treatment at Watauga Hospital and dismissed.

Police Chief G. D. Richardson, who investigated the accident, said Mrs. Isaacs told him that the car brakes failed when she swerved to the left side of the road to avoid hitting a car which pulled out from the curb in front of her car, and that she was unable to stop the car which continued across the street, hit a telephone pole and crashed into the Chevrolet driven by Hardin.

Both cars were described by officers as being almost demolished.

The Watauga County United Fund will take another step forward Thursday evening, September 6, with an open meeting of the executive committee to consider the budget for its first year of operation.

The meeting will be held at the Appalachian High School at 7:30, with R. E. Agle, president of the United Fund, presiding.

The budget to be approved has been prepared by a committee headed by Dr. L. H. Owsley. This committee heard representatives from welfare organizations in the county and will recommend to the executive committee the amount that should be included for each in the United Fund budget.

All citizens of the county are cordially invited to this open meeting, according to President Agle.

Following the adoption of the budget, the local organization will proceed with plans for the actual campaign, which will begin in October. Hugh Hagaman is chairman of the Campaign Committee.

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## Lamb Pool To Be Held Monday

The next Watauga County Lamb Pool will be held at the Boone Livestock Market on Monday, September 10. Lambs will be graded and weighed from 7:00 to 10:00 a. m. and checks will be mailed the following day.

Any farmer who would like to sell lambs in an October pool please let the county agents of the office know by September 10 so that a pool can be scheduled. If no one reports lambs for October sale, no pool will be held.

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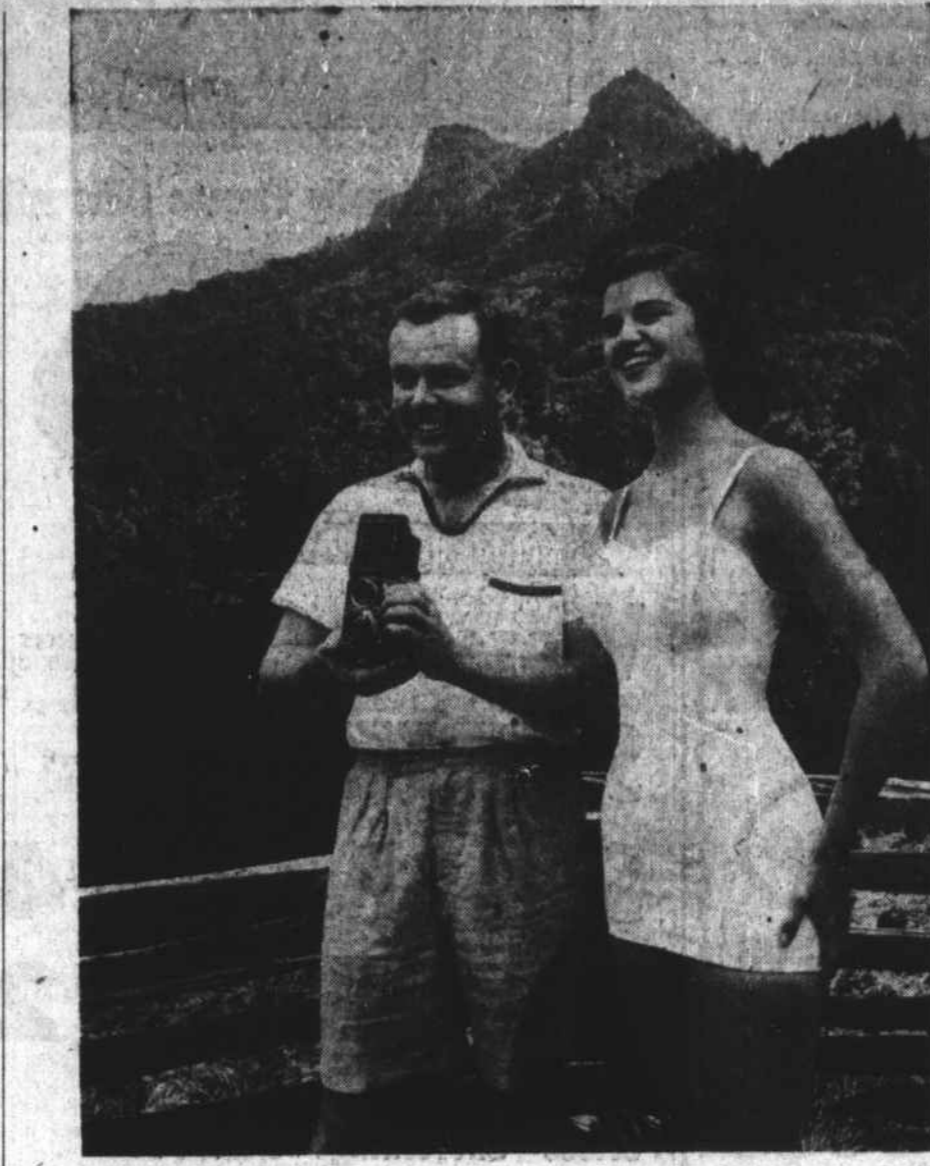
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ees' appeal for funds to build a modern hospital facility at Blowing Rock, the Trustees underestimated the role of subsequent growth of Blowing Rock as one of the South's famous summer resorts. Time and again expansion of facilities and services had to be made to meet adequately the medical and hospitalization need both of the summer and permanent population of Blowing Rock."

Mrs. Cone continued:

"Our problem is one of growth and entails the growing pains which expansion implies. In this community we have men of distinction in the fields of government, busi-



GRANDFATHER MOUNTAIN CAMERA CLINIC—Photographer Virgil Patterson of Charlotte and model Sonja Avarete of Fuquay Springs are expected to participate in the Amateur-Professional Camera Clinic at Grandfather Mountain next Saturday afternoon and Sunday under sponsorship of the Carolinas Press Photographers Association. The program includes camera talks and demonstrations by nationally known photographers, and will be highlighted by the selection of "Miss Carolinas Press Photographer" at 5 p. m. Saturday. Cameramen do not have to belong to the Press Photographers Association to attend.

## Newspaper, TV Photographers To Hold Clinic On Grandfather

### Derrick Speaks In Grayson Co.

Dr. F. Ray Derrick, head of the Department of Biology, Appalachian State Teachers College, spoke to the teachers of Grayson county during their pre-school conference held at Independence, Va., Tuesday, August 28. The theme of the conference was "Child Growth and Development Through Science."

Dr. Derrick's address dealt with an overview of problems involved in the theme with special implications for Grayson County Schools. In addition to being the main speaker for the conference he served as consultant for two panel discussion groups.

### Scouts Go To Tater Hill

Boy Scout Troop No. 131, sponsored by the Boone Baptist Church, will leave at 4:30 p. m. Friday, September 7, for a camporee on Tater Hill. They will return Sunday.

The Scouts will get in some work on advancement to the next rank while on the camporee, said James Hadden, Scoutmaster, and Norman Lackey, Assistant Scoutmaster.

### C. M. Miller Funeral Held

Charence Monroe Miller, 48, of Todd, died unexpectedly of a brief illness in Watauga Hospital Saturday, September 1.

Funeral services were held at 2 p. m. Monday, September 3, at the Proffitt's Grove Baptist Church, conducted by the Rev. Noah Johnson and the Rev. Ed Blackburn. Burial was in the Hopewell cemetery.

He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Beulah S. Miller; his father, Claude Miller of Todd; three sons, Glenn Miller of Avondale, Pa., James Miller of Cleveland, Ohio, and Henry Miller of Todd; three daughters, Mrs. Ruby Ward of Villas, Mrs. Edna Lamm of Avondale, Pa., and Mrs. Pauline Wilcox of Todd; a brother, Clay Miller of Deep Gap; four sisters, Mrs. Lula Greer and Mrs. Hazel Main, both of Todd, Mrs. Maggie Reese of Trade, Tenn., and Mrs. Etta Ellison of Tamarack.

### Watauga Voters Will Ballot On Pearsall Public School Plan

Watauga County voters, along with those of the balance of the State, will register their approval or disapproval of an amendment to the state constitution on Saturday, September 8.

Known as the "Pearsall Plan," the amendment would put in force laws which framers claim will assure that no child will be forced against the wishes of his parents to attend school with a member of another race.

Regular polling places in the county will be open between the hours of 6:30 a. m. and 6:30 p. m. Eastern Standard time.

Indications are that the amend-

ment will be approved, although a light vote appears likely. In the face of strong support by education officials and political leaders, opposition has been spotty and apparently unorganized. From appearances, neither side has managed to whip up the sentiment which would assure a big turnout at the polls.

The amendment is the keystone in an arch of legislation designed to protect the state's segregated public school system from the effects of U. S. Supreme Court decisions.

An advisory committee headed by Thomas J. Pearsall of Rocky

mount drafted the plan. In popular language, it has become known as the "Pearsall Plan."

There are two principal features. One would allow state and local tax funds to be spent for tuition grants to private schools for children whose parents object to racially mixed public schools. The other would give local school units power to close public schools by majority vote when faced with "intolerable" conditions.

A special session of the Legislature last July approved the constitutional amendment which would make the program effective.

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## Boone Citizens To Vote On Water Plan

### Foreign Students Are Entertained By Rotarians Here

Forty-one students of the Duke University foreign orientation program spent Sunday night in the homes of the members of the Boone Rotary Club. These students on a five day tour of Western North Carolina and Eastern Tennessee, came to Boone to see Horn in the West.

The trip is the final feature of the six-week program which is designed to introduce the students from abroad to American life and customs in preparation for entering other American universities this fall as exchange students. Classified as graduate students, they will be studying under Fulbright, Ford, Smith-Mundt and other scholarships and fellowships. Dr. John Fein, director of the Duke International Studies Center, is in charge of the program, and Dr. George Wicks of the Duke English department accompanied the group on their tour.

Included in the trip were visits to the Great Smoky Mountains National Park, Tennessee Valley Authority, Oak Ridge, and points of interest around Knoxville. The group traveled to Asheville and then on to Boone via the Blue Ridge Parkway. They returned to Durham on Monday. They will be entertained at a final banquet and then leave Durham for their respective universities on Wednesday.

The group was very impressed by Horn in the West and it appears that the trip to the show will be one of the features each year from now on. Having the students as guests was a very wonderful occasion not only for the students but also for those who housed the students.

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