

BOONE WEATHER			
Date	High	Low	6 p.m. rain
Sept. 11	70	41	86
Sept. 12	73	52	67
Sept. 13	73	52	67
Sept. 14	80	56	71
Sept. 15	68	52	59
Sept. 16	80	61	72
Sept. 17	77	56	69



**TRI-COUNTY CHAMPS**—The Boone baseball club, managed by Coaker Triplett, former major leaguer with the St. Louis Cardinals, won the Tri-County League pennant in regular season play with a record of 20 wins and 4 losses. They were tripped in the finals of the playoffs, however, by West Jefferson in two straight games. Front row, left to right, are King Triplett, Jim Greene, Coaker

Triplett, Bobby Watkins, Gene Reid, Glenn Watson; back row, John Hollar, John Jackson, Conley Harrison, Pete Everette, Clyde Greene, Charles Taylor, George Richardson, Howard Leonard. Duke Wood and Claude Austin were not present when picture was taken.—Photo by Palmer's Studio.

## Phillips, Wyatt To Face Murder Charges Monday

### County Retires Bonds Ahead Of Due Dates

The Board of Commissioners of Watauga County has authorized the payment of two bond issues before they come due.

Payment of a \$10,000.00 Road and Bridge Bond issue of April 15, 1943 will be paid now. The bond is not due until April 15, 1957, saving interest for six months. Payment of a \$6,000.00 School Refunding Note due June 1, 1957, was also authorized for this time.

Arlie P. Walsh, chairman of the board, announced that this will mean a savings to the county of \$207.00, or more than a dollar a day.

The payment of these evidences of indebtedness since December 6, 1954, will bring down the bonded obligations of the county from \$97,000.00 to \$55,000.00, which shows payments of \$42,000.00 within two years, the board stated. Other members of the board are J. D. Shoemaker and George A. Wilson.

The county commissioners have also allocated approximately \$56,000.00 to the Watauga County Board of Education to complement their building program. The school buildings involved are Blowing Rock, Bethel, Elkland, and Cove Creek. All these projects are scheduled to be completed within six months.



**HAZEL LEE CORNETT Gets R. N. Degree**

Miss Hazel Lee Cornett, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Cornett, Route 1, Box 37-D, Virginia Beach, Va., is a recent graduate from Norfolk General Hospital, Professional School of Nursing in Norfolk, Va. In October she will receive her R.N., after taking examinations supplied by the State Board of Nurse Examiners in Richmond, Va. At present she is employed in the obstetrics department at Norfolk General.

### Judge Pless To Try 175 At Criminal Session

Two murder trials will head the docket of more than 175 cases to be tried at the fall term of Watauga Superior Court convening Monday, September 24.

Judge J. Will Pless of Marion will preside at the one-week criminal session.

Facing homicide charges are Bruce Phillips, 30, Lenoir lumber yard worker, in the fatal shooting of Mrs. Harriet Parsons, 33, of Deep Gap; and William Oscar Wyatt, 45, operator of a cafe near Glendale Springs, in the slaying of Clemon Triplett, 47, of Triplett.

A coroner's jury found that Mrs. Parsons died as a result of wounds from a shotgun fired by Phillips in the front yard of the Parsons home in the Hot Hollow area near the Blue Ridge Parkway in the early morning hours of Monday, June 25.

Evidence at the inquest indicated that at about 1:15 a. m. Phillips called to Parsons, who was inside his house, telling him he wanted a cigarette. Mrs. Parsons was quoted as urging her husband to stay inside as she feared there was going to be trouble.

But Parsons went into the yard, his wife behind him. He said he saw Phillips lean over as if he were going to throw a rock at him, and that he ducked. At the same instant the shotgun was fired, the load hitting Mrs. Parsons point-blank at close range.

Parsons, who works in Boone as an automobile mechanic, said he knew of no reason why Phillips would want to shoot him or his wife. He said he knew the Lenoir man fairly well and their relationship had been friendly.

**Triplett Slain, Brother Wounded**

Triplett was shot and killed during a fight in front of his home Sunday afternoon, July 8.

Elmer Triplett, brother of the slain man who sustained gunshot wounds in his leg, told Sheriff Ernest Hodges that Wyatt had been driving across the grounds of Mount Ephraim Baptist Church and the two brothers sought to get his name and license number. He said Wyatt followed them in his car to Clemon Triplett's home and a fight ensued. Wyatt pulled out a .32 calibre pistol and fired on the two men, the sheriff quoted Triplett as saying. The pistol was found later in a patch of woods near the house.

The sheriff said Wyatt has denied he fired on the two men.

Other cases on next week's docket include: Driving drunk, 45; speeding, 75; reckless driving, 10; operating motor car without driver's license, 12; violation of prohibition laws, 9; driving after license revoked, 5; larceny, 6; and a number of miscellaneous misdemeanors.

**Scratchy P O Pens Give Way To New Ball Points**

The Boone post office has replaced the deep ink wells and scratchy staff pens, that for so long have been more of a tradition in the post office department than a service to postal patrons, with new olive green ball point pens.

These ball point pens, bearing the inscription, "Property of U. S. Post Office," are located at each desk in the lobby of the post office.

Acting Postmaster Lyle B. Cook said the new pens will be checked each day and cartridges for replacement installed so that patrons may always have access to a reliable pen.

**CAN-DO GROUP SUCCEEDS**

Hazleton, Pa.—A volunteer self-improvement agency in this area has proved the success of its name. The agency, set up to bring new industry into this section, has collected \$692,654 to date in various enterprises. Its name? The CAN-DO Drive.

### Boone Negro Is Victim Of Shotgun Blast

Gus Grimes, 36-year-old coal dealer, is in Watauga Hospital being treated for a shotgun wound in the stomach, and Jack McQueen, 21, is being held in Watauga County jail in connection with the shooting. Both are colored residents of Boone.

Deputy Sheriff George Smitherman, who investigated the case, said he received a telephone call in the sheriff's office at about 3 a. m. Sunday saying there was "trouble up on the mountain," and that somebody was shot. Smitherman contacted night policeman Clint Thomas by radio and they proceeded to the home of Ebb McQueen on Junaluska Road.

They asked Claude Grimes, who was standing in front of the house, what had happened, and he said a man had been shot and the one who shot him was in the house. They found Gus Grimes lying beside the road "with a large hole in his stomach," said Smitherman.

They went into the house, where they found that the Reins-Sturdivant ambulance had already been called. When questioned, Jack McQueen said Gus Grimes slapped him in the face in front of the house and he went into the house and got a 16-gauge shotgun belonging to his father, Ebb McQueen, and shot Grimes.

He refused to say any more about it "til I see a lawyer," but later amended his original statement by saying that he stubbed his toe on a rock and the gun went off accidentally, said Smitherman. Another man, Albert Cole, was arrested as a material witness and is now free on bond. Smitherman said he found an unfired shotgun shell on Cole, who said he "took it off Jack to keep him from shooting Gus again."

Questioned in the hospital by Smitherman, Grimes said, "I slapped Jack and he shot me."

McQueen, who was discharged from the army about three months ago, is being held on an open charge pending the outcome of Grimes' injury. Grimes' condition was described in a hospital report Tuesday as being "satisfactory," with a good chance for recovery.

India and the United States have signed a food and loan agreement that will give a major stimulus to the Indians' economic development plan.

### Registration Figure Is 1908 At College; Wataugans Listed

On Tuesday morning the registration figures from Appalachian State Teachers College still were rising for the fall quarter. 1908 already had been registered, and H. R. Eggers, registrar, stated that extension classes were to be registered for at least five additional nights this week.

A large number of Watauga county students are enrolled at the college for this quarter. Included are the following freshmen: (address is Boone unless otherwise indicated).

- Kermit Ashley, Blowing Rock; Minnie Austin; Patricia A. Baily, Route 2; Donald Wade Bantley, Route 3; Mary Deane Bingham; Earl Brookshire, Route 1; Aaron J. Carroll, Route 1; Fred Lynn Castle, Zionville; John David Clawson, Blowing Rock; Kenneth Ted Clawson; Jack Combs, Vilas; Ann Cottrell; Margaret Louise Critcher, Route 1; Albert C. Farthing, Jr.; Harold B. Froneberger, formerly of Gastonia; Everette Ralph Greene, Vilas; James Lewis Greene, Blowing Rock; Ted Tilmon Greene, Vilas; Lester Grimes, Jr., formerly of Mount Airy; Billy Dean Hodges, Vilas; Scottie Sue Hodges, Triplett; Phil McGuire; George Main, Route 2;

- Sylvia Jeanne Mast, Vilas; Benjamin Millard Miller, Deep Gap; Carlton Glenn Miller, Route 3; William Elmer Miller, Blowing Rock; Roy Wesley Minton, Vilas; Mary Lea Moretz, Route 2; Glenn Keith Phillips; Grant Queen; Glenn Ashby Reese, Vilas; Henry Harrison Sherwood, Sugar Grove; Barbara Ann Storie; Willie Clay Street; Wayne M. Tate, Blowing Rock.

### Valle Crucis PTA Meets Monday

The Valle Crucis Parent-Teacher Association will meet Monday night, September 24, at 7:30, in the school auditorium. The meeting will feature "Get Acquainted" night. The Rev. Edwin Troutman will be speaker.

The association is looking forward to the best year yet and urges all parents to come and join the PTA and get in line for a great year.



**SITTING PRETTY!**—Posing atop famous Grandfather Mountain are Miss Kay Forrester of Durham and Miss Sonja Averette of Varina. There are only two of the models who were on hand to render unparalleled subject material for about 40 photographers at the meeting of the North Carolina Press Photographers Association held at Linville September 9 and 10.—Photo by Palmer's Studio.

### Cultural Programs Planned At College

A schedule of public programs that includes ballet, opera, symphony, modern drama, and Shakespeare for students and faculty of Appalachian State Teachers College and a limited number of season ticket holders from Boone and neighboring communities is being announced by the Public Programs Committee at the college this week.

The programs, chosen by a committee composed of faculty members and student representatives of college organizations, were selected to appeal to the greatest number of students. Appearing on the programs will be some of the top-notch artists from the entertainment world.

During the fall quarter the National Dance-Drama Company will present an evening of ballet on October 15, and the National Grass-

Roots Opera Company will present "The Barber of Seville" in English on November 12. For the winter quarter the calendar includes the internationally famous Columbus Boychoir on December 6, McNamara and Carroll from the Dublin (Ireland) Theatre in sketches from modern Irish drama on January 28, and the North Carolina Little Symphony on February 11. During the spring quarter Players Incorporated from Washington, D. C., will present Shakespeare's "King Henry IV, Part I," on March 7. A "bonus" program for April may be scheduled later in the year, a spokesman for the committee has announced.

For the first time a limited number of season tickets are being made available to lovers of artistic entertainment in Boone and neighboring communities and towns. Professor Francis Cook, of the English Department at the college, is conducting the ticket sales.

No tickets will be sold for individual performances.

All programs are scheduled to be presented in the college auditorium and will begin promptly at 8:00 p. m.

### Mrs. Thomas Joins Health Dept.

Dr. Mary Michal, District Health Officer, announces the appointment of Mrs. Nancy Thomas, R. N., to the staff of the local Health Department, following the resignation of Miss Hazel Holder.

Mrs. Thomas is a graduate of Hartford Hospital School of Nursing, Hartford, Conn. She was on the staff of the local Health Department in 1952 and for the past 3 years has been on the nursing staff of Watauga Hospital.

### Immunization Clinic At Bethel

The Health Department will hold an immunization clinic at the Bethel School at 2:00 p. m., Wednesday, September 26th. Immunizations will be given for whooping cough, diphtheria, tetanus, smallpox, and polio.

### United Fund Dates Are October 8-27

The Watauga County United Fund campaign will begin October 8 and continue through October 27, according to Hugh Hagaman, chairman of the campaign committee.

"Between now and October 8," Mr. Hagaman said in a recent interview, "my campaign committee will make every possible effort to organize an effective drive with the hope of reaching everyone in the county who would like to contribute to the United Fund."

"In the meantime a question has come up which we would like to answer. That question is, must contributors accept any distribution of their donations that the United Fund wishes to make?"

"The answer to this question is no. We hope that everyone will want to give to the whole program, the whole budget, because we feel that it has been carefully arranged to meet the county's present needs. But if you as an individual wish to earmark your contribution to designated agencies or charities, you may do so. If for some reason you do not wish to contribute to a given agency, you may tell the campaign worker and he will mark your contribution to go elsewhere."

"To insure a successful campaign, we will begin a training course for solicitors on October 1. We hope to announce the full list of team captains and solicitors next week."

### Polio Clinics Held Each Week Here

Polio clinics are still being held at the Health Department every Wednesday morning between the hours of 8:00 and 10:30 a. m. Vaccine is offered to the age group, birth through 18 years of age and all expectant mother.

Parents are urged to take advantage of these clinics so that their children may be properly protected against poliomyelitis.



**VALLE CRUCIS SAFETY PATROL**—First row, left to right: Johnny Mast, Gail Rominger, A. B. Hodges, Jr., Denver Eggers; second row: Joyce Shook, Margaret Byrd, Baxter Byrd, Geneva Ward, Johnny Taylor, Vivian Aldridge, Keith Tester, Ruth Moore; third row: Ann Aldridge, Anita Edmisten, Glenn Hicks, Robert Mouck, Tommy Fox, Gary Matheson, Linda Farthing, Jean Holler.—Photo by Palmer's Studio.

### Valle Crucis Safety Patrol Organized

The Valle Crucis Elementary School has recently organized a Safety Patrol. The patrol is under the direction of Ernie Triplett, eighth grade teacher.

The American Automobile Association has encouraged safety patrols over the entire nation and furnishes information for organizing patrols.

Howard Mast Store of Valle Crucis, has supplied the patrol with the necessary equipment.

The purpose of the patrol is to promote safety in the school and on the buses. There will be members of the patrol on each bus that serves the school and who will as-

sist the driver in maintaining safety measures at all times. Other patrol members will help the younger children before and after school.

Tommy Fox, an eighth grade student, was selected as captain of the patrol, and Gary Matheson and Baxter Byrd lieutenants.

### High School Homecoming Plans Feature Football Game, Dance

The annual Homecoming celebration for Appalachian High School is scheduled for Friday and Saturday, September 21 and 22, according to an announcement by the student council.

At 2:30 p. m. Friday Mr. Watson's band will lead a parade followed by floats decorated by various homerooms and other groups. Serving on the float committee are Mr. Watson, Mr. Bill Ross, and Bobby Reynolds.

Dr. A. B. Crew, Mr. Dancy (student teacher), and Mr. Leroy Rogers compose the bonfire committee. At 6:30 p. m. Friday, on the high school athletic field a bonfire will be lighted, and a pep

rally will follow.

Pre-game ceremonies, including crowning of the king and queen, will be held on the college football field before the 8 o'clock kick-off between Appalachian High and North Carolina School for the Deaf. Nominees' names follow:

- For king—Fred Cook, Jimmy Hayes, John Hodges, Jimmy Jones, Joe Miller, Eddie Rush, Edwin Taylor, Bob Watkins, and Buddy Wood.

- For queen—Betty Cook, Sharon Carroll, Joyce Littleton, Mary Moretz, Barbara Penley, Betsy Rogers, Betty Anne Swaim, Marilyn Triplett, Joyce Tuckwiller, and Linda Wey.