

Date	High	Low	6 p.m.	rain
Sept. 23	63	55	55	.85
Sept. 25	63	43	45	.75
Sept. 26	49	41	43	1.71
Sept. 27	48	41	46	.33
Sept. 28	39	43	55	.03
Sept. 29	67	44	58	
Sept. 30	69	50	57	

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Homecoming Plans Made



ALBERT M. MILLER

G. O. P. Runner In Ninth Pays Visit To Boone

Albert M. Miller, of Salisbury, Republican candidate for Congress in the ninth district attended an organization meeting in Boone last Thursday, preliminary to launching his campaign.

Mr. Miller, a prominent farmer and business man of Rowan, was accompanied to Boone by Mr. Monroe Adams, Statesville attorney, his district campaign manager. Mr. Miller went to Ashe county after leaving Boone. He and Mr. Adams were meeting the Republican leaders in the different counties of the district and mapping campaign plans.

Parties Open Headquarters

Perhaps less than the usual interest is developing in the political campaigns in Watauga, or at least, there is less public activity than is usual at this time of year.

However, both political parties have opened campaign headquarters. The Republicans have opened their former office over the Parkway Company, while the Democrats are headquarters in the Parsons store building on Howard Street.

With registration books to open next week, it is likely that the campaigns will begin to warm soon in this locality.

Thos. McGuire Rites Today

Thomas Adrian McGuire, 76 years of age, died at his home at Todd on Sunday, September 30.

Funeral services were held at 11 a. m. Tuesday, October 2, at the Blackburn Chapel Methodist Church, conducted by the Rev. Roy Lockridge and the Rev. Ed Blackburn. Burial was in the Howell cemetery.

He is survived by a son, H. R. McGuire of Todd; two brothers, George and John McGuire, and a sister, Mrs. Julia Miller, all of West Jefferson.

Young Demos To Meet Thursday

A reorganization meeting for the Young Democratic Club of Watauga county will be held this (Thursday) evening at 7:30 at the courthouse.

Mr. Henry Wilson, State YDC president or some other State leader in the organization will speak.

A full attendance of Democrats is asked.

Wheat Growers Get Funds

The closing date for signing wheat acreage agreements for 1957 is October 5. Funds are now available for all farmers in this county who wish to place their 1957 wheat allotted acreage in the reserve.

U. S. Steel plans to increase tin plate price Nov. 1.

First Appalachian Scholarships Given



Photo by Palmer's Studio

The three young ladies are the recipients of the first scholarships ever awarded, as such, by Appalachian State Teachers College. The scholarships were made possible by a Living Endowment Fund established by the May and August 1956 graduating classes at the college. Left to right, the winners of these awards are: Mary Deane Bingham, daughter of Mrs. D. B. Bingham of Boone; a graduate of Appalachian high school; Joan Carol Yates, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Glenn C. Yates of Salisbury; a graduate of Boyden high school in Salisbury; and Opal Janet Hartsell, daughter of Mrs. Roy B. Hartsell of Route 2, Concord, a graduate of Odell high school in Cabarrus county.

All three are freshmen at Appalachian this year. Miss Bingham and Miss Yates are preparing as primary teachers, and Miss Hartsell as a grammar grade teacher. All have very outstanding records for scholarship, leadership, participation in school and extra-school activities in their communities.

In high school Miss Bingham was a member of the Girls' Glee Club, Spanish Club, on the staff of the newspaper and the yearbook, member of the Bible Club, the Social Dance Club, a cheerleader, worked in the student store, and was a member of the dramatics club.

Phillips Is Given 15 Years In Slaying Of Mrs. Parsons

Three Are Sentenced In Assault Case, Two Fined

Perry Greer, 36-year-old Caldwell County man, charged with rape in the April term of Watauga court, which resulted in mistrial, was found guilty of assault with intent to rape and Friday was sentenced to 10-15 years in state prison by Judge Will Pless, Jr., presiding in Watauga Superior Court.

Four other men, also pleaded guilty to the same charge and were sentenced and fined as follows: Robert Lee Day, Caldwell County, three to four years in prison; Lester Bradshaw, 18 to 24 months on roads; Ben Andrews, fined \$500; Clark Rominger, fined \$100. The last three are from Watauga.

Evidence submitted in the case Thursday was that the five men met in Watauga County on the night of Nov. 1, 1953, went to Lenoir to the house of a 16-year-old girl, forced her into their car, brought her to Watauga County between Boone and Blowing Rock and two of the men held her while Greer assaulted the girl.

Then they took her back home. Greer, originally charged with rape, yesterday pleaded guilty to assault with intent to rape which plea was accepted by Solicitor James Farthing.

Spider Bite Is Source of Illness

Mr. Ford Henson of Vilas was discharged from Watauga Hospital Monday, where he had been ill since Saturday as a result of a spider bite.

The insect was identified as a black widow spider.

350 Calves Nominated For Annual Boone Sale

More than 350 calves are nominated for the 6th annual Boone Feeder Calf Sale for October 5. All calves have been field inspected, and will be officially weighed and graded on Thursday, October 5; no calves will be graded on sale day October 5.

In 1955 the Boone calves graded higher than the calves in any other N. C. Feeder Calf Sale that year, as 93% of the Boone calves graded in the top three grades. In 1953 only 74% of the Boone calves were in these grades. Also

in 1953 the lowest price and the lowest number was reached for the Boone sale, when 262 calves sold for \$15.97 per hundred.

The best price was realized in the 1951 sale when calves brought almost \$37.00 per hundred. Incidentally in 1951 heifers brought about \$1.50 more per hundred than steers.

The calves this year were almost all bred by registered Hereford bulls and will run about two-thirds steers and one-third heifers.

David Shearer Succumbs To Long Illness

David Robert Shearer, Johnson City, Tenn. business and civic leader, a former resident of Boone, who designed and supervised the construction of Boone's first hydro-electric power system more than forty years ago, died last Wednesday after an illness of several months.

Funeral services were held at Morris Chapel, Johnson City, Friday at 3 o'clock and burial was in a cemetery there.

Born in Collettsville, N. C., Shearer had been a resident of Johnson City since March of 1921. Since 1945, he had been a consulting engineer in heating, lighting, and industrial work.

Shearer served as chairman of the Johnson City Planning Commission from 1946 until the beginning of his illness several months ago. He joined the commission in 1941.

He was married in 1910 to the former Tiny Curtis of Butler who survives him.

Shearer was a graduate of the Lenoir, N. C. High School, the University of North Carolina Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, the University of Tennessee, and various other specialized schools. He held life memberships in several scientific organizations.

Shearer came to Johnson City as appraisal engineer with the former Tennessee Eastern Electrical Co. which later became the East Tennessee Light & Power Co. He resigned in 1945 to go into private business.

Bruce Phillips, 30, Lenoir lumber yard worker, was sentenced to 15 to 20 years in State Prison Wednesday in Watauga Superior Court by Judge J. Will Pless Jr. after he pleaded guilty to second degree murder in the June 25 slaying of Mrs. Harrison Parsons at her home at Deep Gap.

Phillips who surrendered to police at Lenoir June 28 after learning in West Virginia that Mrs. Parsons was dead, did not take the stand.

Parsons testified that he was awakened by his wife on the morning of June 25 and she asked that he make Phillips leave the premises. He said he (Phillips) called from the road asking for cigarettes. He said he told Phillips to come to the house and behave and he would give him a pack.

Parsons said he told his wife that he was going to Phillips to give him cigarettes and she said she was going to follow. He said when he got about 30 yards from the house and started to hand the cigarettes to Phillips, Phillips "Jumped up on his heels" and fired a 16-gauge shotgun at him.

He said he dodged the shot and his wife, who was immediately behind him, cried "Oh, Lord," and died instantly. Phillips then fled. Other judgments:

Darrell Edward Lyons, speeding, pay costs; Junior Ward, speeding, \$10.00 and cost; William Franklin Reins, speeding, \$75.00 and cost; Dell Triplett, speeding, \$25.00 and cost; Clara Dean Hollar, no operators license, \$25.00 and cost; Woodrow Pinkney Barger, speeding, \$25.00 and cost; Ray Edward Osborne, speeding, cost; Arthur Cherry, driving drunk, \$100.00 and cost; Grayson Ward, speeding, cost; Johnny Lewis Tester, speeding, \$50.00 and cost; Thomas Basil Smith, speeding, \$10.00, cost; Calvin Thomas Rich, speeding, cost; Bobby Hampt Greene, \$25.00 and cost; Bobby Eugene Triplett, speeding, cost; Roby Winebarger, driving drunk, \$100.00 and cost; Clarkston Armon Hollified, driving drunk, \$100.00, cost; John Wilson Winkler, reckless driving and speeding, \$100.00, cost; Ralph Garland Ragan, speeding, fine and cost; Ralph McGhee Williams, speeding, cost; James Reed, speeding, Bobby Allen Adams, speeding, \$25.00 and cost.

Court was adjourned Friday by Judge J. Will Pless, Jr.

Closes Friday

The Health Department office in Boone will be closed all day Friday, October 5th.

Business raises 1956 building plans to \$35.3 billion.

United Fund Drive Will Begin Monday

Solicitors Are Briefed By Leaders Friday

Workers in the first United Fund campaign in Watauga county history will be ready to make the appeal for the Fund when the campaign begins on Monday, October 8. The workers received briefings in a meeting Friday night and will hold further discussions in zone meetings this week.

At the Friday meeting an outline of the organization of the United Fund was given by the President, R. E. Agle. Campaign information was given out by Hugh Hagaman, chairman of the workers committee, while R. D. Hodges, Jr. explained the form of the pledge card.

Several points about the United Fund budget were clarified by Fund officers in the meeting, and the importance of a complete understanding of these items was stressed. Among these was the allowance for the expenses of the campaign.

The sum of \$639.11 was entered in the budget for expenses of the campaign and all operating expenses, such as postage, for the entire year. Officials of the Fund explained that this amount was allowed on the advice of other United Fund groups, which recommended the amount, which equals 5% of the actual budget. The Fund officers explained that the full amount will probably not be expended, but a balance from it carried over to next year. So far only about a sixth of the amount has been spent for supplies and printing. If bookkeeping of monthly pledge payments becomes burdensome, it may be necessary to employ clerical help. No funds are being spent for the time or personal expenses of Fund officials.

The \$639.11 allowed as a "contingency fund" on the budget was also discussed by Fund officials. Like the campaign allowance, it amounts to 5% of the actual budget and was based on the experience of established United Funds elsewhere. The amount is designated as a reserve for unexpected emergencies. As one Fund worker put it, "The contingency fund is there to prevent the United Fund from being flat broke should some special need arise after our agencies have received the amounts they have asked for to the present. Our member agencies kept their requests at very reasonable amount. Should some emergency arise, this contingency fund will prevent a second drive to meet the unexpected need." Officers pointed out that the designated amount will not necessarily be spent, and that any balance from the contingency fund will be carried over as will the balance from the campaign allowance.

Another matter discussed was the difference in the amount allowed for the Boy Scouts and the Girl Scouts. The difference is accounted for, a member of the budget committee said, chiefly by the fact that these were the amounts requested by each organization. The Boy Scouts need more funds because they are provided with a field executive and other services by the Old Hickory Council to which they belong. Their budget request was in line with the budgets for which separate campaigns have been run in the past.

Membership in the Old Hickory Council allows local Scouts to attend summer camp at Raven's Knob for a minimum sum and makes them eligible to attend such scouting events as the International Jamboree and the Philmont pioneering expeditions.

The Girl Scouts, on the other hand, have no council affiliation and no outside help. Girl Scout leaders say that their modest appropriation meets their present needs.

The United Fund campaign will get underway with a kickoff meeting on the evening of October 8.

The Air Force has disclosed the development of a research rocket capable of speeds up to 5,000 miles an hour.



HIGH STEPPING MISS. Miss Linda Wey is currently the talk of the high school crowd. Being the planner of all the drills the majorettes execute, Linda has presented a number of spectacles for the home town football goers. Under the direction of her capable leadership the girls have put their best foot forward and won applause from all viewers. She is the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Herbert Wey of Boone.

Cottrell Heads Local Unit Polio Foundation

Howard J. Cottrell of Boone has been appointed chairman of the Watauga County Chapter of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis. It was announced today by Robert L. Jones, State Representative of the National Foundation. Mr. Cottrell has been associated for several years with the Watauga Polio Chapter and its annual March of Dimes. He succeeds R. D. Hodges, Jr. who has chaired the chapter since 1953.

"Citizens of Watauga County who are aware of the extreme importance of the continuing fight against polio through patient care, education, and the Salk vaccine will be glad to know that a man of Mr. Cottrell's stature in health and civic affairs has accepted this important community responsibility," Mr. Jones said.

Mr. Cottrell is manager of the College Book Store in Boone. He is a member of the City Council, chief of the Fire Department, district chairman of camping and activities programs of the Boy Scouts of America, and chairman of the board of deacons of the First Presbyterian Church in Boone.

In accepting the chapter chairmanship, Mr. Cottrell pointed out that much remains to be done before the fight against polio is finished. "The Salk vaccine came too late for many who have been stricken by the dread cripple," Mr. Cottrell said. "Throughout the nation there are 80,000 polio patients still being helped to recovery by March of Dimes funds, and some of these are in Watauga County," he continued.

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HOWARD J. COTTRELL

He emphasized that the March of Dimes will be held as usual in January at the same time the drive is being conducted throughout the nation, and that it will not be included in the Watauga United Fund drive which is to be conducted in October.

"We wish every success for the united drive for those agencies which can desirably and willingly participate," he said, "but years of experience in the polio fight which requires national planning in research, education and patient care."

Letter Writing Week Cited By Postmaster

National Letter Writing Week will again be celebrated in Boone during the week October 7 to 13. Acting Postmaster Lyle Cook announced today.

Commenting on the significance of National Letter Writing Week, Mr. Cook pointed out that each year since 1938 this event has been observed as a reminder of the real meaning of a personal letter.

Emphasizing the traditional sanctity of the letter mail, Mr. Cook reminded Boone residents that one of the basic American freedoms is the uncensored transmission of their first class mail. It is the most valuable possession

of the citizens of a free country. "We all know the human importance of letter writing," Mr. Cook stated, "the way in which it holds scattered families together, of giving comfort and love and news to all the people of the land. But its value is immeasurably greater than that. Its implications are almost infinite.

"We in America have the privilege of uncensored and unlimited means of communication. With this in mind, I urge all citizens of Boone to join me in this national celebration. Let's make National Letter Writing Week for 1956 the greatest ever."