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BOONE WEATHER				
Date	High	Low	6 p.m.	rain
Oct. 2	69	35	64	
Oct. 3	69	34	61	18
Oct. 4	73	51	62	27
Oct. 5	70	33	62	54
Oct. 6	68	32	61	
Oct. 7	60	45	51	
Oct. 8	68	32	56	

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PAID—Dr. J. T. C. Wright, district chairman of the Watauga Boy Scouts, stamps "paid" on the membership mortgage held by Jerry Moretz of Troop 111, Green Valley, at the district committee meeting October 4, while Scoutmaster E. B. Fox, Jr., looks on. Scoutmaster Fox had "mortgaged" his troop to add six new members and Scout Moretz, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Moretz of Green Valley, is leader of the new "Bronco patrol" thus created.—Photo by Joe C. Minor.

Kick-Off Dinner Sparks Start Of United Effort

284 Calves Sold At Boone Sale

The sixth annual Boone Feeder Calf sale sold an estimated 284 calves on Friday, October 5, at the Boone Livestock Market. The top price was \$27.50 per hundred paid for a fancy steer calf consigned by Mrs. Janie Dishman of Reese.

The official tabulations are not complete, but preliminary figures indicate that steer calves would average approximately \$20.00 per hundred and heifers about \$15.00 per head.

Some of the people who purchased steers were Jim Pratt, Saltville, Va.; Forest Greene, Boone; Dwight Eggers, Marco Kenon, Paul Matheson, Cutris Stout, Bill Love, A. A. Dillon, Ward Billings and Fred Critcher.

Some who purchased heifers were D. M. Buchanan, Rockingham; Raymond Donnelly, Trade, Tenn.; Dewey Thompson, Rockingham; Kester Sink, Mt. Airy; Jones Hollar, Boone; and Hite Williams, Boone.

Rev. Mr. Bingham Taken By Death

Rev. James H. Bingham, pastor of the West End Christian church of Elizabethton, Tenn., died Friday, September 28, of a cerebral hemorrhage at his home.

He was buried Sunday, September 30, in Happy Valley Memorial Park, Elizabethton, Tenn.

Surviving are his widow, the former Miss Verna Wilson, native of Watauga County, one son and four daughters. Seven grandchildren also survive.

The Rev. Mr. Bingham was a brother of Albert Bingham of Boone and a brother of the late T. E. McCoy and Will Bingham, all natives of Watauga County.

Mr. Bingham had been serving the West End Christian Church as pastor for several years and had served that and other churches in the vicinity of Elizabethton for the past twenty years.

Council Heads YDC; Barbecue Next Friday

John H. Council was named president of the Watauga County Young Democratic Club at a meeting of the organization held Thursday evening.

Mrs. Grady Moretz, Jr., was elected first vice-president; Roger Wilson, second vice-president; Carl Fidler, secretary and Dwight Isenhour, treasurer.

It was decided that a barbecue

The first United Fund campaign in the history of Watauga county got under way officially Monday night, October 8, at a dinner at the Boone Trail dining hall.

Hugh Hagaman, presiding as chairman of the campaign committee, spoke in praise of the work done by the officers of the Fund and the speakers' bureau, and the budget and publicity committees. Mr. Hagaman stressed the fact that the United Fund is a home-grown Watauga County project with no outside speakers or workers having any part in the work.

Lee Reynolds of the speakers bureau praised the co-operative spirit of the people of Boone as shown in many civic endeavors, and declared his belief that the same spirit would carry the United Fund to success. The public is well-informed about the project, Mr. Reynolds said, and is assured that the money raised in the campaign will be wisely used.

Registration Start Set For Saturday

The registration books for the general election will open Saturday of this week, and will also be open Saturday October 20, and Saturday October 27, states R. T. Greer, chairman of the Watauga County Board of Elections.

Saturday November 3 will be challenge day.

Mr. Greer states that the absentee ballot office has been opened in the Hamilton building next to

Leo Pritchett of the speakers bureau declared that the United Fund will succeed if the workers in solicitation would carry on with the same faith and determination shown by the officers and committee members of the organization. Mr. Pritchett said that the project was one of the best organized campaigns in the history of the county.

Following the kickoff dinner, about eighty campaign workers from Boone and the Home Demonstration clubs of the county communities will take the field with the objective of raising the budget of \$14,000 approved by the board of directors of the United Fund.

Music for the dinner was furnished by a clarinet quartet from the Appalachian High School band. The players were Misses Betty Swain, Mary Lawrence, Margaret Lynn Hagaman and Pat Dowling.

Home Clubs Name 19 United Fund Workers

Nineteen new campaign workers for the United Fund have been named among the members of the Watauga County Home Demonstration Clubs. The new groups include:

Valle Crucis: Mrs. Hilary Hobby, chairman, and Mrs. Edward Baird, Mrs. R. A. Okew, Mrs. B. S. Leake,

and Mrs. Howard Murry.

Brushy Fork: Mrs. Ralph Wilson, chairman, Mrs. Madge Dancy, Mrs. Coy Loye, Mrs. Charley Moody, Mrs. Lewis Wilson, and Mrs. Hiram Brooks.

Bairds Creek: Mrs. B. A. Hodges, chairman, and Mrs. Don Hodges.

Hodges Gap: Mrs. Frank Brown, Beaver Dam: Mrs. Asa L. Reese, Sr., chairman, Mrs. Cecil Swift, and Mrs. Dean Reese.

Forest Grove: Mrs. Gardner Matheson.

These names supplement the list of Home Demonstration Club workers announced last week. The clubs have undertaken to cover county communities for the United Fund.

Mrs. Howard Carlson has acted as co-ordinator in organizing the clubs for the campaign.

F. B. I. chief Hoover scorns the Soviet's "new look".

Old Grads To Gather For Homecoming At College

Band Parents Meet In Year's First Session

The Appalachian Elementary School band room was full to overflowing last Thursday night when members of the Band Parents Club met for a get-acquainted meeting and to hear plans for the new band season.

Mrs. Ralph Buchanan, president, gave the group an enthusiastic welcome and introduced the panel of officers and members of the executive committee who will head up band business this year. These officers are Dr. Julian Yoder, vice president and chairman of transportation committee; Mrs. Ray Lawrence, secretary; Alfred Adams, treasurer; R. E. Agle, chairman of administration branch of the executive committee; E. Ford King, Jr., chairman of hospitality committee; C. C. Wilcox, Wade Brown, Dr. G. T. Buckland, and Mrs. Ralph Beshears.

Mr. Perry Watson, band director for the schools here, explained the band program both academic and financial, and outlined a tentative eight-year program to be followed beginning this year. Mr. Watson also told of achievement awards and a scholarship program which have been set up to benefit participants in the band program. Mr. Bob Love, who is working on his masters degree at the college, is serving as assistant to Mr. Watson.

A clarinet quartet made up of Misses Betty Swain, Pat Dowling, Mary Lawrence, and Margaret Lynn Hagaman played "Over The Rainbow", and party refreshments were served by a group headed by Mesdames Frank Payne and Len Hagaman.

Jaycees Attend Iredell Meet

Boone Jaycees attending the district meeting in Statesville last Wednesday evening were: Dr. Gene Reese, Dean Hodges, Don McCracken, Jimmy Winkler, and Grady Moretz, Jr.

The chairman pointed out that North Carolina is one of the leading Junior Chamber of Commerce states in the nation, but that to keep this leadership other clubs must be organized.

The Boone and North Wilkesboro Jaycees were asked to make an effort to organize in Ashe county, with members from both Jefferson and West Jefferson. Blowing Rock was also mentioned as a good prospect for a new Jaycee organization.

Funeral Held For Fred Moore

Fred Robert Moore, 63, of Elk Park, Route 1, died Sunday, October 7, in Grace Hospital at Banner Elk.

Funeral services were held at 2 p. m. Tuesday, October 9, at the Bethel Baptist Church, conducted by the Rev. Vivian Brown, and burial was in the Cable cemetery.

He is survived by his mother, Mrs. Dora Moore of Sugar Grove; a son, Marvin D. Moore of Elk Park, Route 1; two daughters, Miss Maude Moore and Miss Annie Moore, both of Elk Park, Route 1; two brothers, N. S. Moore of Sugar Grove and Bynum Moore of Ferguson; two sisters, Mrs. Maggie Harmon and Mrs. Mary Harmon, both of Sugar Grove; and three grandchildren.

A preliminary survey of daily newspaper editorial support at this stage in the Presidential campaign, as conducted by Editor and Publisher, newspaper trade magazine, revealed that President Eisenhower is favored three-and-a-half to one. The preliminary figures, based on returns from 883 dailies, showed that 23.33 per cent of them, representing 22.94 per cent of the circulation, had not declared themselves.



GETS DIVIDEND—N. L. Harrison, left is shown receiving dividend check from S. C. Eggers, center, President of the Boone National Farm Loan Association. At right is John H. Hollar, secretary of the association.—Photo by Palmer.

Farm Loan Group Says Dividend To Be Paid

At a recent meeting of the board of directors of the Boone National Farm Loan Association, local farmer-owned credit cooperative, affiliated with the Federal Land Bank of Columbia, a 3 percent dividend was declared on all outstanding stock as of August 31, 1956, according to announcement by S. C. Eggers, President of the Association. The approximately 500 farmer members will be the recipients of the dividend checks which will be mailed to them in August, according to statement of secretary-treasurer, John H. Hollar.

The association has total assets exceeding \$131,000 with a farmer-owned capital of approximately \$87,000.00. The Association services Federal land bank loans totaling approximately \$1.5 million and made nearly 125 new loans to farmers during the year, totaling over \$375,000.00.

According to Secretary-Treasurer, John H. Hollar, several factors attributed to the board's action in declaring the dividend. The Association enjoys a high degree of membership loyalty and under a sound reserve program, which the association has been following for a number of years, a substantial reserve has been established. The association enjoys a good income position and the officers and directors feel the time has come to pass along to the owner-members some of the savings in operations.

The Boone Association is engaged in making of long-term Federal Land Bank loans in the counties of Ashe, Alleghany, Avery, Caldwell, Mitchell, Watauga and Wilkes. Other officers and directors of the Association in addition to President S. C. Eggers and Secretary-Treasurer John H. Hollar, are: Assistant Secretary-Treasurer, Tressie M. Mahaffey, J. Mack Moore, Carlis Lee Mitchell, E. S. Shatley, and Gordon A. Chambers.



MARK RYDER AND EMILY FRANKEL

Famed Dance Duo To Open Lyceum Series

Emily Frankel and Mark Ryder, nationally famous dance drama duo, and their company, of five dancers will open Appalachian State Teachers College's series of lyceum programs for the current year at the college auditorium on Monday evening at 8 o'clock. The dance drama combination is an art form that brings together techniques of drama, ballet, and modern dance.

Although leaps and pirouettes from ballet, pantomime, jazz, and modern dance are utilized, the techniques and versatility of the dancers are subordinated to the stories they tell. The Dance Drama Company is the first dance or drama group to attempt this kind of presentation. Their success has

been attested by the acclaim they received after their season in New York in 1954 and the excitement they have continued to create wherever they have performed.

The five members of the company, all of whom are under twenty-five years of age, are famous names in the world of the dance. Todd Bolender is choreographer for the New York City Ballet. Charles Weidman and Sophie Maslow have both been choreographic directors for the New York City Opera Company, many Broadway plays, and have headed their own concert groups.

Hadassah is an exponent of oriental and Hindu dance. Frankel and Ryder have choreographed a large number of dances.

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Many Events Are Planned For Big Week End

Saturday will be the big day for alumni of Appalachian State Teachers College. All efforts at the college on that day will be toward welcoming back for the annual Homecoming celebration visiting alumni and their families, friends of the institution, and other visitors.

Officials in charge of the celebration are Harry Hallyburton of Drexel, president of the alumni association, and Roy R. Blanton, Jr., of Boone, the newly appointed executive secretary of the association. Joining with them in being hosts for the day will be Dr. W. H. Plemmons, president of the college, and other officials of the association and the institution.

The celebration will really begin on Friday evening when the Playcrafters, under the direction of Mrs. Roberta Hamilton of the English and dramatics faculty, will present two one-act plays, "Sham" and "The Trysting Place." The public is invited. The plays will be given in the college auditorium at 8:15 p. m.

On Saturday alumni may register in the lobby of the Physical Education Building any time between nine and twelve o'clock noon.

One traditional event of Homecoming—the annual "Old Timers" reunion will be held in the college auditorium at 10:00 a. m. Mrs. Wilson Norris of Boone is the president of this group, to which are invited all alumni, but especially those who graduated from Appalachian before 1929, when it became a four-year college.

The Homecoming parade, consisting of floats prepared by campus organizations and Boone business houses, will begin at 11:00. The route of the parade will be as follows: Beginning at the Farmers' Co-op on West Faculty Street, continuing up South Water Street to the corner of King Street, down King Street to the intersection of Highways 421 and 321, south on Hardin Street to the Watauga Hospital, then west to the college administration building. Each year thousands of spectators line the streets for the parade, and if the weather is pretty it is anticipated that this year will be one of the largest ever held. A trophy will be given for the best float entered.

At twelve o'clock noon the alumni luncheon will take place in the cafeteria of the elementary school. Mr. Hallyburton will preside over the business session. Officers will be elected, and other business attended to.

Participating in both the pregame show and the half-time ceremonies will be the Appalachian State Teachers College band, under the direction of William G. Spencer, and eight visiting high school bands. With their directors, they are: Appalachian High School, Perry Watson; Scotts High School, James Litcho; Drexel High School, Kathryn Siphers; Wilkes Central High School, Bill Robinson; Lincoln High School, Ted Barnett; Morganton High School, M. T. Cousins; Spencer High School, Ed Waugh; and Valdese High School, George Wilson.

They will play the Star Spangled Banner, signifying the start of the football game with Catawba College, and will also play special numbers and do special formations for the crowning of the Homecoming Queen.

The queen, who is elected by secret vote of the Men's "A" Club, will be crowned at half-time by a member of the club. Only club members know the identity of the queen until the coronation time.

HOUSING

About 1,100,000 new dwelling units were started in the first nine months of 1956, as compared with about 1,328,000 such units started in the same period of last year. With cooler weather ahead, there is little chance that new building starts will equal the number of such new dwellings in 1955.



FRANK M. PAYNE

Frank Payne Is Named To Head TB Seal Sales

Mr. Frank M. Payne today was named chairman of the 1956 Christmas Seal Sale in Watauga County.

The 50th annual campaign to raise funds to fight tuberculosis will be carried on by the 3,000 tuberculosis associations throughout the United States from November 15 through December.

"Great progress against TB has been made in the first half century of the Christmas Seal Sale," Mr. Payne declared. "But there is a big job ahead to bring this disease under control. TB strikes 100,000 Americans every year. We must all share in the fight to protect our homes from TB."

Contributions to the Tuberculosis Association pay for free chest x-rays, informative literature to be distributed throughout the county, and rehabilitation of the tuberculosis patients. The Seal Sale is the only source of income the Tuberculosis Association has, and Mr. Payne urged each citizen to buy their seals in November.

In naming Mr. Payne to the post, Dr. R. H. Harmon, President of the TB Association, paid tribute to his record of service to the community in many fields. He is active in the Lions Club and P. T. A. work in Boone, a past Lions Club president, and a member of the Board of Stewards of the Boone Methodist Church for many years.

George Byrd, 86, Suffers Attack

George Washington Byrd, 86 years of age, of Banner Elk, Route 1, died Friday, October 5, in Grace Hospital at Banner Elk.

Funeral services were held at 2 p. m. Sunday, October 7, at the Clark's Creek Baptist Church, conducted by the Rev. Raymond Hendrix and the Rev. Calvin Helton, and burial followed in the Clark's Creek cemetery.

He is survived by three sons, Charlie Byrd and Dail Byrd, both of Omak, Wash., and Jim Byrd of Valle Crucis; five daughters, Mrs. Clemmie Townsend of Valle Crucis, Mrs. W. C. Smith of Rominger, Mrs. Lillie Smith of Banner Elk, Route 1, Mrs. Ethel Vetter of New York, N. Y., and Mrs. Margie Welch of Banner Elk, Route 1; a brother, Ben Byrd of Banner Elk, Route 1; five sisters, Mrs. Tempie Calloway of Newland, Mrs. Lillian Holmes of New York, N. Y., Mrs. Rosa Jester and Mrs. Minnie Jester, both of Banner Elk, Route 1, and Mrs. Margaret Wilcox of Boone.

He is also survived by 57 grandchildren and 63 great-grandchildren.

EMPLOYMENT

At the latest count, 68,800,000 people in the United States are working regularly on jobs, compared with 65,500,000 a year ago. At 2,200,000, unemployment is just about as it was a year ago.