

Date	High	Low	8 a.m.	Wind	Prob.
Dec. 4	63	41	50		
Dec. 5	61	38	50		
Dec. 6	64	43	50		
Dec. 7	63	42	50		
Dec. 8	66	41	50		
Dec. 9	58	31	31	04"	
Dec. 10	51	23	35		

—trace of snow also.

Weed Sells For \$63.07 Average



REGISTER OF DEEDS—Miss Helen Underdown, who was returned to her job as Watauga county's Register of Deeds by the voters in the November 6 election, was sworn into office again last week by Clerk of Court A. E. South. She has now entered on her 29th year at this work.

The Boone burley tobacco market registered its highest average of the season Monday when 207,332 pounds were sold for an average price of \$63.07 per hundred pounds.

Damp weather last week end provided better grading and handling conditions for the growers, and as a result there was more tobacco on the floor the first of this week than had been seen since opening day.

Through Monday, December 10, the market had sold 984,630 pounds of burley and paid out \$596,752.42 to growers, for a season's average per hundred of \$61.86.

Figures were not available on Tuesday's sale, but poundage was estimated by a spokesman for the warehouse at about 150,000 pounds which would place the total volume for the season thus far at well over the million mark.

The market will recess for the Christmas holidays after sales of Friday, December 21, and resume on January 2.



PAVED PLAYGROUND.—School children play on the newly paved playground between the Boone Elementary school and Appalachian High school. The paving was recently completed by the Appalachian State Teachers College at a cost of approximately \$12,000. John H. Howell, principal of the Elementary school, says the paving has eliminated the mud which was always evident after rains, and the dust in the school building, particularly the cafeteria. This allows children to be out playing more days of the year. The paved area covers approximately an acre and has three inches of mill chat (asphalt base) over 4 inches of gravel base. It drains quickly and can be used almost immediately after the rain stops falling. The Boone PTA is considering placing a wire fence on the upper and lower sides of the play area, Mr. Howell said, making it safer and better for the children's use.—Staff photo by Joe Minor.

\$21,675 Raised To Open Horn In '57

Plans Made For Opening Sixth Season

By V. G. ROLLINS

Horn in the West definitely will be presented again next year in the Daniel Boone Theatre.

The sum of \$21,675 is now in the Northwestern Bank to the credit of the Southern Appalachian Historical Association to promote and publicize the drama, pay salaries, and make necessary preparations for another season.

The people of Boone and Blowing Rock have responded to a public appeal by the finance committee, coupled with an ultimatum that at least \$20,000 must be raised to keep the play going.

Two emergency meetings were called, where it was announced that "Horn" was free of debt for past operations but there was no money to continue.

As a result, some 83 persons and business firms signed notes totaling \$21,675, upon which the bank will advance the same amount of cash to the producers. A majority of the notes are for \$300 each, with a few for lesser amounts.

If Horn in the West is able to meet the notes from its operation next year, it will not be necessary for the signers to pay. Otherwise, any deficit incurred will have to be met by the individual signers up to the full amount of their notes.

Last year 50 signers of similar notes of \$300 were called upon to pay \$75 each to clear up a deficit of \$13,000, after a \$10,000 grant had been secured from the State of North Carolina.

Treasurer James P. Marsh said he had received assurances from state officials that the state will continue to back the drama when aid is needed "as long as the people of the community will back it."

At the special meetings, Marsh pointed out several adverse factors which materially affected attendance during the past season. Among these were an unusually cool summer in other sections, minimizing the urge to visit the mountains; the condition of roads under construction, which will all be open next year; and the fact that according to travel authorities, 1956 was the "worst year for travel" by the general public in several years.

At a meeting of the board of directors Monday, when it was announced that the drive for funds was over the top, Marsh congratulated the people of Watauga County for their support and cooperation, with special praise for the citizens of Blowing Rock, without whose whole-hearted cooperation, the money could have not been raised.

"We feel that we are on the threshold of a successful season," he said, "but that success depends upon the continued cooperation of everyone."



NEW COMMISSIONERS.—These three Republican commissioners, who took over the duties of running Watauga county's government for the next two years, look over some of their work shortly after being sworn into office last week. They are, left to right, Fred Hatley, Bynum Greene, chairman, and Clint Lewis.

Marsh Is Named Horn Executive

James P. Marsh was named executive vice-president of the Southern Appalachian Historical Association at a meeting of the board of directors held Monday.

He succeeds Dr. A. P. Kephart, who resigned recently.

The board, acting upon recommendations of the nominating committee, also chose Hugh Hagaman as first vice-president, succeeding Marsh, and Mrs. L. H. Owsley was re-elected secretary. G. C. Greene, Jr., was elected treasurer, also succeeding Marsh, at an earlier meeting.

Mr. Marsh, upon being named to his new post, resigned as treasurer and chairman of the finance committee. The latter office will be filled in the near future.

It was announced at Monday's meeting that a new director and a new publicity man must be retained shortly for next year's presentation of Horn in the West. The board is considering a suggestion that the director be employed on a year 'round basis to serve the drama, the Chamber of Commerce, and the Merchants Association, with his salary to be paid jointly by the three organizations.

Other plans call for increasing the efficiency of the cumbersome 30-member board by appointing a 9-member Executive Council which will be empowered to act for the board in all matters without calling a meeting of the entire board. Under this setup, the board would not meet regularly, only when a meeting is called.

Other committees to be appointed are production, finance, advertising, and a new group to be called the Planning Committee.

In other action it was voted unanimously to give all bondholders and signers of notes an equal voice in the association with members. Only members have been entitled to a vote in the past. Membership fee is \$10 per year.

Smith Touted For High Post In Lions Club



The Boone Lions Club is sponsoring one of its most outstanding members, A. R. Smith, as a candidate for District Governor of District 31-B, Lions International, for the year 1957-58.

The election will be held at the state convention in June, 1957.

Head of the chemistry department of Appalachian State Teachers College, Lion Smith has been a member of the Boone Lions Club since February, 1944. He was elected vice president of the club in 1946 and president in 1947.

Important zone and district posts he has held in Lions International include cabinet secretary, treasurer District 31-B, 1952; Zone Chairman, 1953; Deputy District Governor, 1954; and chairman of the district bulletin committee.

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Winners Of Speech Tourney Are Announced; 8 Colleges Take Part

By EARLEEN G. PRITCHETT

Winners of the Sixteenth Annual Appalachian Mountain Forensic Tournament have been announced by Leo K. Pritchett, coach of debating at Appalachian and sponsor of Pi Kappa Delta. The tournament, which was sponsored by Chapter 218, North Carolina Epsilon, Pi Kappa Delta, was held December 6, 7, and 8 at Appalachian State Teachers College here in Boone.

Eight colleges including Mars Hill, Carson-Newman, Lenoir Rhyne, Maryville, East Tennessee Gardner-Webb, the University of South Carolina, and Appalachian participated in the tournament, which consisted of six rounds of debate, radio newscasting at WATA, extemporaneous speaking, after dinner speaking, poetry reading, oratory and problem solving. The national debate question this year is, "Resolved: That the United States Should Discontinue Direct Economic Aid to Foreign Countries". The standard procedure, ten minutes for constructive speeches and five minutes for rebuttal, was followed. From the colleges entering, there were eight men's teams and five women's teams participating.

Winners in the various divisions are as follows:

Best individual debaters in the men's division, Michael Osborn of the University of South Carolina, first place; Ian Southerland, Carson-Newman, second; and Miss Judith Ford of Lenoir Rhyne, who participated in the mixed team, tying for third with Ross McGill of Maryville College.

Best individual debaters in the women's division were Ann Wilfong of Lenoir Rhyne, first; Joy Neville, Carson-Newman, second; and Jessie Tench of Carson-Newman, third.

The best affirmative team in the men's division was Carson-Newman, with six wins and no losses, while the winning negative team of the men's division was the University of South Carolina, with five wins and one loss.

The college teams winning more debates than any other in the men's division were Carson-Newman and the University of South Carolina, both having a record of nine wins and three losses. Tying for second place honors were Lenoir Rhyne and East Tennessee, and third place went to East Tennessee, who had two teams in this division.

In the women's division, Carson-Newman tallied the best record to win first place, while Lenoir Rhyne and Maryville tied for second. Appalachian State Teachers College finished third.

In extemporaneous speaking, Bill Gwaltney of Carson-Newman placed first in the men's division, while Charles Deloache of the University of South Carolina and Boyce Wilson of Appalachian placed second and third, respectively.

Winners in the women's division of extemporaneous speaking were Eleanor Coster of Maryville, first; Mary Cilley of Lenoir

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REPRESENTATIVE.—S. C. Eggers will be sworn in for his fourth term from Watauga county to the State Legislature when the Assembly meets in Raleigh next month.

Ladies Night Plans Are Made By Boone Lions

The Boone Lions Club will hold its annual Christmas Party and Ladies Night meeting next Tuesday evening, December 18, in the dining room of the Daniel Boone Hotel.

Following the usual custom, each member will draw the name of a Lioness other than his wife, for whom he will purchase an inexpensive gift. These will be exchanged at the meeting.

President Ira S. Ayers has announced the following committees for this meeting: Program, Rev. J. K. Parker, Jr.; decoration, W. R. Winkler, Neil Farris, Dr. H. M. Cooke, and James B. Winkler; arrangements, Paul A. Coffey, Phil Smith, and Bob Conleton.

President Ayers urges every member to be present with his Lioness, promising that this will be one of the year's most interesting programs.

Hardy Greene Funeral Tuesday

Hardy Hill Greene, aged 70, of Blowing Rock, Route 1, died Monday, December 10, at his home.

Funeral services were conducted at 2 p. m. Tuesday, December 11, at the Laurel Fork Baptist Church by the Rev. William Brackett, the Rev. Howard Hodges, and the Rev. Rob Shore. Burial was in the Ford Cemetery.

Surviving are the widow, Mrs. Victoria Ford Greene; four sons, Russell, Stacey, Hill, and Germa Greene, all of Blowing Rock, Route 1; two daughters, Mrs. Yonie Shores of Morganton, and Mrs. Fannie Norris of Blowing Rock; and 15 grandchildren.

Rites Held For B. M. Curtis

Bertram Curtis, 58, of Carlisle, Pa., a brother-in-law of Mrs. Jack Gragg and a former Boone businessman, died of a heart condition November 29 in a Carlisle hospital.

Funeral services were held at 11 a. m., Wednesday, December 5, at the Reins-Sturdivant Funeral Home in Boone, conducted by the Rev. C. O. Vance, and burial was in the Gragg Cemetery.

He is survived by a son, Bertram J. Curtis, of RFD No. 1, Carlisle, Pa.



TV WINNER.—Mrs. Harold Watson of Howard Street, Boone, holds the ticket which won for her the 21-inch color television set which stands between them. Her ticket was drawn Monday, Dec. 3, from a box containing hundreds of others which had been placed there by visitors to the store during the previous four weeks.—Staff photo by Joe Minor.

APPOINTED COUNTY OFFICIALS

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Doughton To Speak At Chamber Dinner

The Hon. J. K. Doughton, of Sparta, will be guest speaker at the Boone Chamber of Commerce's annual ladies night dinner meeting, to be held at 7 o'clock Friday evening, December 14, in the Elementary School cafeteria.

Mr. Doughton, son of former lieutenant-governor, R. A. Doughton, is a member of the state legislature from Alleghany County.

Installation ceremonies will be held for the following officers who have been named for the coming year: Glenn R. Andrews, president, succeeding G. C. Greene, Jr.; J. V. Caudill, first vice-president; O. K. Richardson, second vice-president; and James P. Marsh, treasurer.

To be installed as new directors are: Richard Morhauser, Harold Rice, and Grant Greene.

Dinner will be served by the Rev. E. A. Dillard of Hebron Colony at Shulls Mills, and any profit realized will go to that organization.

Notification of the meeting has been mailed to all members of the Chamber of Commerce. Visitors are welcome, and are asked to notify the Chamber of Commerce office on South Depot Street not later than Thursday afternoon of plans to attend, and how many will be in the party.

WORLD ILLITERACY

The United Nations Educational Scientific and Cultural Organization reports that more than forty per cent of the adult population of the world cannot read and write. The rate of illiteracy is highest in Africa, where between 77 and 81 per cent of the inhabitants are unable to read and write.

France will demand that Egypt pay for the removal of vessels and bridges sunk in the Suez Canal. The cost of the operations has been estimated at \$40,000,000.

United Fund Meets Local Hungary Quota

The American Red Cross announced this week that its appeal for \$216 from Watauga County to aid in the care of Hungarian refugees has been met by the Watauga United Fund.

In making the contribution, United Fund's chairman, R. E. Agle, declared it "the first real test of the workability of the United Fund."

"Every responsible citizen," continued Mr. Agle, "feels the urgency of aiding the floodtide of displaced and distraught Hungarians, and we are happy that the need can be met through United Fund, an agency that belongs to—and is supported by—the responsible citizenry of our community."

The Red Cross, said the \$216 quota for Watauga county was this county's fair share of the \$5 million national budget which had influenced President Eisenhower to lift from 5,000 to 21,500 the number of Hungarian refugees to be admitted to the United States.

Mr. Tugman said the Red Cross was one of the first agencies to apply for entry into the United Fund when its organization was undertaken here, but, he continued, the Red Cross felt an obligation to make a public appeal for Hungarian aid in order that people of America might unite with the voices of other free nations in a demonstration that would be clearly recognized as public protest of Russia's cruel outrages against Hungary.

Ralph Tugman, spokesman for

Joan Foy Is Crowned At Christmas Dance

Joan Foy was crowned Christmas Queen of Appalachian State Teachers College at the annual Christmas Dance, sponsored by the Playcrafters, Saturday night, December 8, in the gym of the Physical Education Building. Other girls on the court were Peggy Brewer, Annis Ebers, Betsy Capel, Joyce Ollis, Carolyn Wall, and Barbara Winkler.

A freshman sponsored by Lovell Hall, Joan is from Davidson. She is a business major, an officer in the Appaltes Drill Team, and a member of the Business Club.

Charles Hancock, president of the Playcrafters, crowned Miss Foy, and a Christmas pageant in honor of the queen followed.

ICELAND BASE

Iceland has agreed to permit United States troops to remain at their strategic Reflavic base under a direct agreement that bypasses NATO, according to a recent report.