

BOONE WEATHER			
Date	High	Low	6 p.m.
March 19	52	38	47
March 20	49	28	28
March 21	55	31	41
March 22	48	36	37
March 23	54	35	42
March 24	59	39	46
March 25	51	35	35

Rainfall reading 7 a.m.; temperature 6 p.m.

Health Center To Open

The formal opening of the Watauga County Health Center, located two miles west of Boone on U. S. 421, will be held Sunday, March 31, from 3 to 5 p. m.

Cyde R. Greene of Boone will be master of ceremonies at the dedicatory services, which will be followed by an open house with members of county Home Demonstration Clubs serving as hostesses.

The invocation will be given by the Rev. E. H. Lowman, pastor of the Boone Methodist Church, and addresses will be heard by Dr. W. H. Plemmons, president of Appalachian State Teachers College, and Dr. C. C. Applewhite, director of the local health division of the State Board of Health.

Completed early this year, the new building was occupied by the district health department the first week in March, when it was moved from its former inadequate quarters in the courthouse annex.

The modern structure is well appointed and equipped, consisting of a reception room, a conference room, two treatment rooms, a laboratory, and offices for Dr. Mary B. H. Michal, district health officer; Nancy F. Thomas, registered nurse in public health; Lewis H. Caton, Jr., district supervising sanitarian; and Mrs. Ina Spencer, typist-clerk.

Watauga County members of the district board of health are Dr. C. H. Moeck, chairman; Gordon H. Winkler, Dr. W. M. Matheson, and Bynum B. Greene.

The board of county commissioners, Bynum B. Greene, Fred Hatley, and Clint Lewis, and the district board of health have extended a cordial invitation to the public to attend the dedicatory services and open house, with members of all club groups which have been instrumental in securing the new health center especially urged to be present.



Wreckage of plane in which Palmer Blair and Hudson S. Sisk were killed Thursday.

Palmer Blair Dies In Crash Of Plane

J. Luther Snyder Succumbs On Monday

Funeral services for J. Luther Snyder, 83, Coca-Cola pioneer of Blowing Rock and Charlotte, who died Monday were held Wednesday at 11 a. m. at Myers Park Methodist Church, Charlotte.

Rev. C. C. Herbert, pastor, was assisted in the rites by Rev. Loy Witherspoon and Dr. R. L. Ownbey. Burial was in Elmwood cemetery.

The Charlotte business and civic leader died Monday in a Charlotte hospital from a lengthy illness. He was a member and life Steward of Myers Park Methodist Church. He was founder of the first Coca-Cola bottling plant in the Carolinas. He owned a chain of ten plants in the State.

In late years he gave most of his time to civic, religious and philanthropic works.

Mr. Snyder maintained an estate at Blowing Rock where he spent the summers. One of the showplaces on the mountaintop the estate consists of 196 acres.

Surviving are four sons and daughters: Mrs. W. B. Garrison, Gastonia; George C. Snyder, Charlotte; Mrs. Norman Bisanar of Concord; James Snyder, Charlotte.

POLIO SHOTS

Only ten per cent of the nation's under-40 population had received the Salk Vaccine shots as of March 1st, according to the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis. The foundation said that 53 per cent of the 109,000,000 Americans under 40 had not received any vaccine and 37 per cent had received one or two shots.

Lenoir Man Also Killed In Accident

Palmer S. Blair, 34, prominent Boone photographer and member of a pioneer Watauga county family, was killed last Thursday afternoon in the crash of a private airplane near West Jefferson, in the vicinity of the Ore Knob copper mining operation.

Also killed in the crash of the Piper Cub was the pilot, Hudson C. Sisk, 37, of Lenoir.

Mr. Blair was on a photographic mission over the Ashe county mountains, it was said, gathering some pictures for possible commercial use.

Both men died instantly of multiple injuries, it was said by bystanders who took the bodies from the wreckage. However, the plane



PALMER BLAIR

did not burn when it struck the sloping field near the mine, only thirty feet from a crowded parking lot.

Superintendent Sees Crash
A witness to the crash, Mine Superintendent A. A. Dundas, was quoted as saying he watched the craft plunge to earth as he stood on the lawn of his home near the mine. He said the low-flying plane had been in the area about ten minutes and that "it made a tight turn, about 200 feet high, and then it fell off. I heard the engine quit. I stood there, amazed . . . It was horrible."

The nose and right wing struck the ground first, bystanders said, and the machine was a complete wreck.

Ashe County Sheriff Carl Francis made a preliminary investigation but did not fix the cause of the crash. CAA investigators probed into the wreckage for possible clues. Indications were, however, that engine failure caused the crash.

Boone Native
Mr. Blair was a native of Boone, a son of Mr. and Mrs. H. Neal Blair. He was educated at Appalachian State Teachers College, and opened a photographic studio after his graduation 11 years ago. He had engaged in press as well as general commercial photography.

Mrs. Potter Rites Are Held

Mrs. Sophia Dancy Potter, 67, resident of Tamarack, died Saturday.

Funeral services were held Monday at 2 o'clock at the Elk Knob Baptist Church. Rev. Stanford Miller of Mountain City, Tennessee was in charge of the rites and burial was in the Potter-Main cemetery.

Survivors include the husband, John L. Potter of Tamarack; five sons and two daughters: Edward, Rom, Denver, Charles and George Potter of Tamarack; Mrs. Nancy Ellison and Mrs. Earlie Blackburn of Tamarack. There are 39 grandchildren and 6 great grandchildren.

Paul Coffey, Civic Leader, Suffers Fatal Heart Attack

Paul A. Coffey, 54, Boone merchant, civic and church leader, died suddenly early Monday morning of what was believed to have been a heart attack. Mr. Coffey suffered the seizure soon after he opened his hardware store.

Mr. Coffey, a native of the Shulls Mills section, was active in the life of the community and county. He had been chairman of

Burnsville. He was in the life insurance business here for some years, and was one of the founders of the Parkway Co., local hardware store in 1937. At the time of his death he was sole owner of the business.

Mr. Coffey was a member of the Board of Stewards of the Boone Methodist Church for 30 years, a member of the Snow Masonic Lodge and of Oasis Shrine Temple in Charlotte. He was a former vice-president of the Boone Lions Club, a member of the Chamber of Commerce, Merchants Association, and a director of Watauga Hospital. He was a director of the Watauga County Library Board and of the local Red Cross chapter.

Surviving are the widow, the former Miss Margaret Linney; two sons, Armfield Coffey, student at the University of North Carolina, and Frank Coffey, stationed in Newfoundland with the Air Force. His mother, Mrs. Virginia Starpes, survives, with two half brothers, Ray and Glenn Starpes, two half sisters, Mrs. Beatrice Fox and Mrs. Lillian Reid of Taylorsville. An uncle, Mr. O. J. Coffey, of Boone, survives.

Funeral service will be held today (Wednesday) at 2:00 p. m. at the Boone Methodist Church, with the pastor, the Rev. E. H. Lowman, the Rev. L. H. Hollingsworth, pastor of the First Baptist Church, and the Rev. E. F. Troutman, pastor of Grace Lutheran Church, conducting the rites.

The body will lie in state at the church from 1:00 to 2:00 p. m., preceding the funeral.

Burial will be in Mount Lawn Memorial Park with Masonic Rites conducted by Snow Lodge 308.



PAUL A. COFFEY

the Board of County Commissioners, County Accountant and Tax Supervisor.

Educated at Appalachian State Teachers College, Mr. Coffey attended a business school in Roanoke, Va., and was in the real estate business for a while in that city. He was subsequently employed in the offices of the Whiting Lumber Co. at Shulls Mills, was assistant cashier of the Watauga County Bank and later of the Northwestern Bank, in Boone and

Capt. Taylor Is Air Force Counsel

Captain James Taylor, Jr., United States Air Force, has been admitted to the practice of law in the United States Court of Military Appeals and the United States Supreme Court in Washington, D. C.

Captain Taylor is presently chief of legal assistance in Strategic Air Command Headquarters at Omaha, Nebraska. Prior to joining the Air Force, Captain Taylor practiced law in Boone.

Dr. Wey Given SAC Recognition

Dr. Herbert W. Wey of Appalachian State Teachers College, has received word that he has been appointed a member of a committee on evaluation for the Southern Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools. The committee will study the standards of the Association and the means of evaluation of junior high schools and senior high schools for membership in the association.

Dr. Wey, who is head of the department of education and associate dean of graduate studies at Appalachian, is also the secretary of the Commission on Research and Service of the association.

He will spend the week of May 15 to 22 in Atlanta, working with the other members of the evaluation committee.

Mrs. Whitener Dies On Monday

Rogers (Spud) Whitener was a visitor in Boone Thursday and Friday, having been called from Lakeland, Fla. due to the death of his mother, Mrs. D. H. Whitener, which occurred in Rutherfordton last Monday, following a long illness.

Funeral services were held at the Spencer Baptist Church in Spindale Wednesday afternoon, and burial was in Mountain View Church cemetery.

There are four sons and three daughters: Rogers Whitener, Lakeland, Fla.; Alton Whitener, Rutherfordton; Lee Whitener, Spindale; Glenn Whitener, Baltimore, Md.; Mrs. W. L. Bland, Miss Whitener, Rutherfordton; Mrs. L. Hollingsworth, Charlotte.

Mr. Rogers Whitener, of English at Florida College, was accompanied from Lakeland by Jones.

The Army and Guard has settled over training pool a six-month delay the new recruits' active duty.

Blowing Rock C of C Takes Stand On Taxes

The Blowing Rock Chamber of Commerce took a definite stand on certain tax issues by adopting the following resolution:

"Whereas, the economic development of the State of North Carolina is, of primary concern to the government and the people of the State of North Carolina, and

"Whereas, a study of corporate tax burdens in the southeastern states discloses that the tax burden for corporations carrying on a multi-state operation is higher in North Carolina than in other southeastern states, and

"Whereas, a supreme effort is being made to raise the standard of living of the people of the State of North Carolina with increased revenue from industrial payrolls, thereby making industrial development a major factor toward solving the economic problems of the State of North Carolina, and

"Whereas, it is recognized that industry will locate only where it is economically favorable to do so, and

"Whereas, the present method of computing the tax burdens of such corporations acts as a major deterrent to securing new industry, and

"Whereas, executive personnel of industry which is opening new plants or expanding keenly investigate the personal tax situation in each state under consideration, and

"Whereas, these key employees find the North Carolina intangibles tax unacceptable, therefore causing them to exert special pressure to locate in states other than North Carolina, and

"Whereas, the intangibles tax annually not only dissuades countless numbers of retired families from settling in North Carolina, but is now actually causing some of those who are now residents to move away, now

Therefore, be it resolved:
"1. That the Board of Directors of the Blowing Rock Chamber of Commerce hereby respectfully suggests and urges the adoption by the Legislature of a 3-factor formula for the computation of tax burdens on corporations carrying on multi-state operation and doing business in the State of North Carolina, as outlined in pages 105, 6

and 7 of the report of the Tax Study Commission of the State of North Carolina.

"2. That the Board of Directors of the Blowing Rock Chamber of (Continued on page two.)

Doctors Day To Be Observed

The Watauga County Medical Auxiliary will observe Doctor's Day Saturday and Sunday of this week, when the local churches will be decorated in honor of the physicians. Drug stores will also be decorated in their honor.

March 30th has been set aside for Doctors' Day observance by the State Medical Society.

Mrs. L. H. Owsley is president of the Federal Auxiliary, while Mrs. R. H. Hardin is chairman of

Conference On School Libraries Planned At Appalachian College

By EARLEEN G. PRITCHETT
A conference on school libraries is to be held at Appalachian State Teachers College April 4-6. It will be sponsored jointly by the department of Public Instruction of North Carolina.

For the past three years, the Department of Public Instruction has held a conference on school libraries for city and county school library supervisors. As a result of the interest expressed by general supervisors, the conference this year has been expanded to include all instructional supervisors, and other educational leaders in the state.

Miss Nora E. Buest, specialist for school and children's libraries of the United States Office of Education, will serve as the consultant for the conference. Miss Buest is one of the foremost leaders in the development of school libraries in the United States and abroad. Other library consultants will include the library science faculties of North Carolina colleges and universities, and the State School Li-

brary Advisers.
On Thursday night, April 4, Dr. Dale W. Gramley, president of Salem College of Winston-Salem, will speak on the subject, "These Days of our Life." Following Dr. Gramley's address, there will be a tea in the library of the elementary demonstration school for all conference personnel.

On Friday, April 5, the conference will have a breakfast meeting. The speakers will be the famous authors and illustrators of children's books, Theima and Corydon Bell of Sapphire, North Carolina.

Dr. Herbert W. Wey, associate dean of the graduate school at Appalachian, will give the keynote address at 10:00 a. m., following which the conference will break into small group discussions, centering around the theme, "How Can We Use Our School Libraries Most Effectively?" Friday's program also will include demonstration clinics in many areas of library service, including planning and equipping libraries, organiza-

tion records and routines, selection of materials and their use in curriculum construction, nonbook materials, publicity, student assistants, and activities for reading guidance, curriculum library, campus school libraries in action.

The speaker at the dinner meeting on Friday will be Richard Chase, a nationally-known folklorist and author.

Saturday, April 6, new books for children and young people will be reviewed at the breakfast meeting. The final general session, to follow, will include a panel discussion by leaders of the Friday morning discussion groups, and a conference summary.

Members of the Appalachian State Teachers College staff in library science, have helped in the planning of the conference. They include Mrs. Ila T. Justice, the head of the department, Miss Eunice Query, and Mrs. Eloise Camp Melton.

Hog slaughter in North Carolina last year totaled 8,000,200.

Parkway Hearing Is Requested By Board

Asheville — Chairman William Medford of the North Carolina National Park, Parkway and Forests Development Commission announced Sunday he will seek a full public hearing by the Commission on the controversial question of concessions on the Blue Ridge Parkway.

Medford said "I am going to recommend to the commissioners that a public hearing be held."

His recommendation will be made at the April 15 meeting of the Commission. Time and place for the hearing, if called by the Commission, will be set at the

April 15 meeting, Medford said. No opposition within the Commission to holding a public hearing has been indicated.

Medford said "We have received several requests for a public hearing." One of those came from the Northwest North Carolina Development Association at a February meeting of the Commission. Another has since come from the Blowing Rock Chamber of Commerce.

Expanded Parkway Concessions are proposed under the National Park Service's 10-year "Mission 68" program and are opposed by various private tourist interests.



LOUIS NUNNERY of Charlotte, leading dancer of the New Dance Troupe, will appear in Boone on April 28.