

BOONE WEATHER			
Date	High	Low	6 p.m.
May 7	71	28	60
May 8	73	35	63
May 9	75	42	65
May 10	75	42	65
May 11	70	31	61
May 12	70	32	70
May 13	81	48	70



NEW CHAMBER HEADQUARTERS.—The Chamber of Commerce's new office on King Street, next to the Belk's parking lot, is graced by the beautiful dogwood tree in full bloom. Seated on the banister of the home are Mrs. Mary Jon Wells, left, new office secretary of the Chamber, and Mrs. Joyanne Wood, who resigned the position, effective May 15, after serving since 1954. She will go with her husband to Ohio where he will enter the Ohio State University this fall.—Staff photo by Joe Minor.

180 High School Graduates To Be Given Diplomas Next Week

Sermons To Be Preached Next Sunday

Diplomas will be awarded to 180 graduates of Watauga County's four high schools in exercises to be held Tuesday and Wednesday nights, May 21 and 22.

Appalachian High School in Boone has the largest graduating class with 72, and Cove Creek is a close second with 63. Bethel will graduate 25 and Blowing Rock, 20.

Baccalaureate sermons will be delivered at all schools on Sunday, May 19, with services being at night in each case except at Bethel, where this portion of the commencement exercises will be held at 2:30 p. m.

The commencement programs scheduled at the four schools are given below:

Appalachian High

The commencement exercises of the class of 1957 will be held May 21 at 8:00 p. m. in the Appalachian Elementary School Auditorium.

The program consists of the following:

Prelude, Eighteenth Variation, Machmaninaff.

Processional, Pomp and circumstance, Elgar-Gloria Hampton.

Devotional, Patsy Hollingsworth.

Welcome and introduction of theme, Bobby Reynolds.

Theme: "Through knowledge we behold the world's creation."

In the wonderful universe about us, Bobby Reynolds.

In the wonderful world of human relations, Everett Lowman.

In complex relations between men and nations, Betty Swaim.

In the wonderful world of religion, Nancy Hollingsworth.

Solo: "The Lord's Prayer", Sheila Gilley.

Presentation of Senior Gift, Johnny Hodges.

Presentation of Diplomas, Dr. A. H. Crew.

Recessional, March from Aida, Verdia.

Baccalaureate Service

The Baccalaureate service of the senior class will be held May 19 at the Boone Baptist Church at 8:00 p. m. with the Rev. E. H. Lowman presiding. The program is as follows:

Prelude, Chorale Preludium, "If Thou But Suffer God and Guide Them", Boch.

Processional, Triumphal March, Grieg, Mrs. G. P. Eggers.

Invocation, Rev. E. H. Lowman, Pastor of Methodist Church.

Hymn, "How Firm a Foundation".

Scripture reading, Rev. E. H. Lowman.

The Gate of the Year, Gillette Choral Ensemble.

Sermon, The Mind of Christ, Rev. L. H. Hollingsworth.

Benediction, Rev. E. H. Lowman.

Latkin Response, Chorale Ensemble.

Recessional, A Mighty Fortress Is Our God, Leute.

Bethel High

Commencement exercises get under way at Bethel High School Sunday May 19, at 2:30 o'clock when baccalaureate services will be held at the Bethel Baptist Church.

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Casting For Horn Finished

Edgar R. Loessin, director of Horn in the West, completed casting of major roles for the outdoor drama Monday.

The cast will go into rehearsal on June 11, he said, and the play will open its sixth season here in the Daniel Boone Theatre June 28.

The lead role of Dr. Geoffrey Stuart again was assigned to William Ross. Other casting includes Robert Grubbs as Jack Stuart; Rogers (Spud) Whitener as Toby Miller, the blacksmith; Al Harris as Gov. William Tryon; Emmett Parker as the vicious Col. McKenzie; Virginia Jones as the doctor's wife, Martha Stuart; Glenn Causey again as Daniel Boone; Charles Elledge as the Rev. Simms; Ruby Wiggins as the Widow Howard; Coaker Triplett, Jr., as John Sevier; Ruth Arrington as the Indian-English girl, Nancy Ward; Jones L. Storie as the Indian Chief, Attakulla; Frank Jones returning as the Indian interpreter; Mary Lawrence as Mary, the Quaker lass; and Hans Wright as Davy Stuart.

Personnel for crowd scenes will be selected later from applications already received, Mr. Loessin said.



CAROL JEAN PRESLAR, left, is crowned "Miss Watauga County of 1957" by Dr. Gene Reece, president of the Boone Jaycees, as Mrs. Faye Arnold Broyhill ("Miss North Carolina of 1956") looks on. Above is Dolly Kootz, runner-up in the contest.—Staff photos by Joe Minor.

Carol Jean Preslar Given 'Miss Watauga County' Title

Carol Jean Preslar, freshman at Appalachian, was chosen as "Miss Watauga County of 1957" in a beauty pageant held at the Elementary school auditorium here Saturday night.

The pageant was sponsored by the Boone Junior Chamber of Commerce, and Miss Preslar will enter the "Miss North Carolina" contest in Burlington later this summer.

"Miss North Carolina of 1956"—now Mrs. Faye Arnold Broyhill and a student at Appalachian—was on hand at the pageant to see that it was conducted correctly. She also helped the 13 contestants in getting ready for the competition.

Other finalists in the contest were Dolly Kootz of Jefferson, Dolores June Miller of Kannapolis,

Joan Cotten of Bluefield, W. Va., and Jean Brown of Winston-Salem, all students at Appalachian State Teachers College.

Marilyn Bolick of Blowing Rock High School, was chosen by the other contestants as "Miss Congeniality" for contest.

The other contestants included Joan Foy, Pat Harwood, Helen Estell Rose, Rebecca Bingham, students at A.S.T.C., Mary Ann Reid and Barbara Triplett of Blowing Rock High School, and Sheila Gilley of Appalachian High School.

Miss Preslar was crowned "Miss Watauga County" by Dr. Gene Reece, president of the Jaycees, with the help of "Miss North Carolina."

Paul Weston played organ music for the pageant, Tom Winkler

sang two selections, and Mollie Agle performed a dance to "Singing the Blues" as added entertainment of the event.

Ken Schaeffer emceed the event.

Judges for the pageant were Hugh Morton of Linville and Wilmington; Cratis Williams, dramatics director at A.S.T.C.; and Edward Loessin, director of "Horn in the West."

Blowing Rock Student Tops In Spelling

Miss JoAnn Wright, age 14, student in the eighth grade of the Blowing Rock School, won the Watauga county spelling championship on April 27th.

Miss Wright went on to participate in the Journal-Sentinel spelling bee finals in Winston-Salem May 11 and placed sixth. In Winston-Salem she went against spellers with former experience in area and State competition.

She is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Wright of Blowing Rock. She was coached in her spelling by Mrs. Belle Greene, Blowing Rock teacher.

Johns Hopkins Medical Institutions has announced a new timetable of medical education which will reduce the total college time for some physicians from one to two years.

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Dr. Elliott To Deliver Address At Appalachian College Finals

By EARLEEN G. PRITCHETT

Speaker at the commencement exercises to be held at Appalachian State Teachers College on Friday, May 17, at ten-thirty in the morning, will be Dr. Philip

secretary of the Baptist Convention, dean, vice president and head of the English department at Mars Hill College, head of the English department at Western Carolina College, and has been president of Gardner Webb College since 1943. He is past president of the Rotary Club.

The graduation exercises will be held in the auditorium of the health, physical education and recreation building. The college orchestra and choir, directed respectively by Nicholas Erneston and Mrs. Virginia Wary Linney, will furnish the music. They will be assisted by Bill Sneed, student director.

The invocation will be given by the Rev. John S. McDuffie, pastor of St. Luke's Episcopal Church of Boone, and the benediction will be pronounced by the Rev. L. H. Hollingsworth, pastor of the First

Baptist Church of Boone. Candidates for the bachelor's degree will be presented by Dean D. J. Whitener, and those for the master's degree by Chapell Wilson, dean of the graduate school. Degrees will be conferred and diplomas (Continued on page eight)

Kephart Shows Travel Slides

An annual feature of the Boone Lions Club was enjoyed at the last regular meeting of the club held Tuesday night, May 7, at the Daniel Boone Hotel.

Dr. A. P. Kephart, globe-trotting Lion, and Mrs. Kephart each year show color slides taken in their world travels. This year's showing featured pictures taken in North Africa, Egypt, Italy, and Mexico.

Local Youths Place In State Shearing Trys

Johnny Vines, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Vines, Sugar Grove, and Dennis Trivette, son of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Trivette, Beech Creek, placed first and second places in the State 4-H Sheep Shearing Contest held at Salisbury May 11.

Johnny had an average score of 90.40 on three sheep. Dennis had an average score of 86.35 on three sheep.

Johnny is a member and president of the Bethel Senior 4-H Club. Dennis is a member of the Cove Creek Senior Club.

These boys will represent North Carolina in the National 4-H contest held in Chicago this fall.

W. C. Richardson, Assistant County Agent, is the coach for the boys.

Poppies To Be Sold Saturday

The Ladies Auxiliary to Watauga Mountaineer Post 7031 Veterans of Foreign Wars will sell Buddy Poppies in Boone on Armed Forces Day, Saturday, May 18.

Buddy Poppies are made by disabled veterans and sold by auxiliary members to raise funds for aiding disabled veterans. Each good team are lined up and a good season with many good games are expected. Newcomers to the league include Lenoir and Mt. Pleasant.

Boone and Bamboo are rated as the favorites in pre-season talk.

The schedule has not been completed but the first week's games have been listed. All games are scheduled at 2:30 p. m. until a later date when some night games may be played.

Health Clinics Postponement

No clinics (including polio) will be held at the Health Department in Boone during the week of May 27. The staff of the Health Department will be attending the N. C. Public Health Convention in Asheville during this week.

Japan will strive for an "autonomous" defense policy, based on self-sufficient forces, her Government announced. But she will work through collective security arrangements with the United States and the United Nations.

Eric A. Johnson urges an increase in foreign aid.

Fishing Rodeo To Be Held Next Wednesday

The sixth annual Watauga County Fishing Rodeo, sponsored by B. W. Stallings at his Diamond-S Lake near Boone, will be held next Wednesday, May 29, from 3 to 5 p. m.

In six years the crowds have grown from "a handful to a multitude," said Mr. Stallings, and due

to these increased numbers and limited space, this may be the last year the rodeo will be held at the lake.

Dedicated to the youth of Watauga County, the fishing rodeo is known far and wide. The age limit is from infants through 10 years, (Continued on page eight)

Hardwood Utilization Is Topic Of Forestry Expert At C. of C.

By V. G. ROLLINS

The Boone Chamber of Commerce heard an illustrated lecture on the value, management, and utilization of hardwood at its regular monthly meeting held at noon Tuesday.

The speaker, Howard J. Doyle, representing the Furniture Plywood and Veneer Council of the North Carolina Forestry Association, told the gathering that North Carolina, with the largest concentration of wood furniture manufacturing in the world, gets only 44 per cent of its hardwood supplies out of North Carolina. He was introduced by County Agent, L. E. Tuckwiller.

There are 50 different kinds of hardwood, each with different characteristics, he said, and it is imperative to acquaint small farmers in the state, who own 72 per cent of the privately-owned land, with proper methods of growing

and handling hardwood. Property owners, he added, should "take a long look" at any land-clearing project which would destroy timber or young seedlings.

With only 4 per cent of the timber grown in this state being suitable for plywood and veneer, the speaker said, and only 26 percent of all hardwood being top grade, the biggest concern is for quality rather than quantity.

Mr. Doyle discussed timber losses due to destructive agents such as disease, fire, wildlife, and cattle grazing on young seedlings.

He said the council, which is collaborating with the Duke Power Company in a research and experimentation program, will give 5,000 trees free to any land owner who will purchase 5,000 trees.

In other matters taken up at Tuesday's meeting, President G. R. Andrews announced that grad-

ing has been completed on the road to the site of the new plant to be built for Shadowline, Inc., the site itself has been bulldozed out, work will start on the building soon. A target date of July 15 has been set for completion of the building.

Mr. Hal Johnson of Morganton, plant manager for Shadowline, Inc., who is conducting a preliminary training school for workers in the new Goodnight building on Howard Street, attended the meeting and said the workers now, being trained will go right into production when the plant begins operations.

Stanley A. Harris, manager of the Chamber of Commerce, announced that Mrs. Joyanne Wood, who has been his secretary for the past three years, is leaving the city and will be succeeded by Mrs. Mary Lanning Wells.



MISS WATAUGA COUNTY CONTESTANTS.—Left to right: Dolly Kootz, Jean Brown, Pat Harwood, Barbara Triplett, Dolores Miller, Rebecca Bingham, Queen Carol Jean Preslar, Joan Foy

Helen Rose, Joan Cotten, Sheila Gilley, Ann Reid, and Marilyn Bolick. Miss Bolick was chosen by her fellow-contestants as "Miss Congeniality" of the 1957 contest.