

Date	High	Low	8 p.m.	Prev.
May 21	78	49	68	68
May 22	73	53	65	68
May 23	75	52	71	72
May 24	77	57	58	58
May 25	76	47	72	78
May 26	79	54	63	63
May 27	69	51	61	61



TWEETSIE COMES HOME.—The Tweetsie train was brought up the mountain last week on trailers, and placed on tracks at its new home between Boone and Blowing Rock, just off highway 321. Grover C. Robbins, Jr., and associates are preparing a two-mile track for the train to travel on. They brought it from Hickory where it had been getting an overhaul and paint job, after its

purchase from Gene Autry by the present owners. Tweetsie has been missing from Watauga county since the big flood in 1940, but is now at its permanent home and will be used by sightseers. It took about eight hours to bring the engine, tender, and three cars home.—Staff photo by Joe Minor.

Dr. B. B. Dougherty Succumbs Monday

Last Rites For Educator Set For Wednesday

Dr. Blanford Barnard Dougherty, 86, co-founder of Appalachian State Teachers College and who shared honors with Charles B. Aycock in his devotion to the cause of public education in North Carolina, died in Winston-Salem Monday afternoon at 1:40.

Dr. Dougherty, who had been in failing health since he retired from the presidency of Appalachian State Teachers College in June 1956, was en route home from Vero Beach, Fla., where he had spent the winter, and was visiting at the home of a niece, Mrs. O. L. Brown, and Rev. Mr. Brown in Archdale when he was stricken. He was taken to Baptist Hospital where he died from a cerebral hemorrhage.

Funeral Wednesday

Funeral services will be held Wednesday at 3 o'clock at the Boone Baptist Church. The Rev. L. H. Hollingsworth, pastor, will conduct the funeral. Assisting will be the Rev. E. F. Troutman and the Rev. J. K. Parker, Jr., of Boone and the Rev. O. L. Brown of Archdale. Burial will be in the city cemetery.

Born in Watauga county, near Boone October 21, 1871, son of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Boone Dougherty, Dr. Dougherty spent his entire life in the cause of public education. He left home at the age of 21, walked 35 miles and caught the train at Lenoir for the University of North Carolina, where despite his lack of formal education he topped the freshman class in examinations. He also attended Holly Springs College and Carson-Newman College.

Returning to Boone in 1899 with his degree from Carolina, Dr. Dougherty and his brother, Dauphin Disco Dougherty, a Wake Forest College graduate, with the backing of some Boone citizens, built a two-room private school on their father's farm. By 1903, with aid from the Legislature, the school had expanded to a five-room affair and Appalachian Training School for teachers was created. From 1903 until 1921 it was a State-supported high school, the only High School in Northwestern North Carolina.

Appalachian was made a Normal School in 1921 and a four-year college in 1929.

With failing health, came Dr. Dougherty's announcement of his retirement from the Presidency of Appalachian State Teachers College in June 1955. At that time he stated he was not quitting, but would continue to devote some of his time to the raising of funds for the endowment fund which he established at Appalachian.

Appalachian has grown into one of the best-known teacher-training institutions in the country. In addition to its regular term the college operates a summer term which attracts students from over the nation.

Dr. Dougherty had been a member of the State Board of Education for many years. He authored the equalization bill which would give the students in a poor mountain county the same educational treatment from the State as one from the rich Piedmont. In other words, as he said, "all the wealth of the State was put behind all the children of the State."

Dr. Dougherty was a member of the Boone Baptist Church. He was President of the Northwestern Bank.

For many years he was Watauga County Superintendent of public schools.

Dr. Dougherty's nephew, Barnard Dougherty, is vice-president and controller of Appalachian. Another nephew, Prof. Edwin Dougherty, is a member of Appalachian faculty.

Other survivors are a sister, Mrs. Etta Dougherty Greene of Winston-Salem, and several other nieces and nephews: Mrs. Roy Ruffin of Boone; Mrs. O. L. Brown of Archdale; Roy Greene of Winston-Salem and David F. Greene of Greensboro.



DR. DOUGHERTY IN CHARACTERISTIC POSE

Photo by Paul Weston

Historical Association Holds Annual Gathering

Walter Johnson, 68, Has Fatal Attack

Walter Lee Johnson, 68, Boone police officer, died last Wednesday evening at his home here, from what was believed to have been a heart attack.

Mrs. Gragg, 83, Dies On Sunday

Mrs. Mary Etta Brown Gragg, 83, of Boone, Route 1, died at her home on Sunday, May 26.

Funeral services were conducted at 11 a. m. Tuesday, May 28, at the Rutherford Baptist Church by the Rev. Roby Eggers, the Rev. Glenn Huffman, and the Rev. Will Cook. Burial was in the Brown's Chapel cemetery.

She is survived by her husband, George W. Gragg, three sons, Spencer Brown and Roy Brown, both of Boone, Route 1, and William Brown of Blowing Rock; four daughters, Mrs. Ethel Childress of Gastonia, Mrs. Pearl Parlier of Boone, Route 1, Mrs. Pansy Norris of Boone, Route 2, and Mrs. Agnes Goble of Lenoir, Route 5; two half brothers, Grover Bingham of Lenoir, Route 5, and Joe Bingham of Portland, Oregon.

Nineteen grandchildren and a number of great-grandchildren also survive.

The widow survives, with a brother, Louis Johnson of Cleveland, Ohio. There are three half brothers: Dave Johnson of Oregon; Hubbard Johnson of Reese and Carl Dishman of Sugar Grove.

Recreation Program To Begin June 10th

The Boone Recreation Program will officially start June 10, it was announced this week by Jack Groce, recreation director.

"The program will try to meet the recreational needs for as many age groups as possible," Mr. Groce said. Activities already planned are Little League (8-12); Pony League (13-15); Teen Canteen; and adult softball.

Organizational meetings will be held on the following dates at the Demonstration school play ground: Monday, June 3—10:00 a. m.—Little League; 11:00 a. m.—Pony League.

Tuesday, June 4—Primary boys (6-8); 11:00 a. m.—Girls (8-14).

An adult softball league meeting was held Tuesday, May 28. The league hopes to have eight teams.

The Southern Appalachian Historical Association held its annual spring meeting Monday at 7 p. m. in the Mountaineer Room above the College Book Store.

The association produces the outdoor drama, Horn in the West, which is scheduled to open its sixth season June 28 in the Daniel Boone Outdoor Theatre.

James P. Marsh, executive vice-president, presided at the meeting and introduced Dr. I. G. Greer, president of the association, who gave a brief talk on "Preserving Our Heritage." Historical dramas, such as Horn in the West, help us to realize what our freedom cost, and to have a deeper appreciation of those who have gone before us, Dr. Greer said. He called for a renewal of faith in our heritage.

The principal speaker of the evening was Edgar R. Loessin, director of Horn in the West, whose subject was "Your Function in Producing the Drama." He traced the evolution of the theater from the legend of the cave man acting out his exploits before his family and friends. Drama has always portrayed the basic conflict in man's existence, Loessin said, the struggle of good against evil, and was born out of man's desire to praise his God.

In the last few decades, the speaker said, the theater has ceased to be a Broadway monopoly and has gone into the hands of the people in cities and villages all over the nation, finding expression in its newest phase, the outdoor drama.

"You, the people," Loessin said, "have brought the living theatre into small communities, into Boone." He called outdoor historical drama the "greatest cultural effort that has ever been made in the theater."

Dr. A. P. Kephart, who was in charge of the program, selected a panel of seven persons who discussed various subjects relating to the drama and other attractions in the area.

The panel was composed of Mrs. L. H. Owsley, Richard Chase, Leo Derrick (publicity director), Stanley A. Harris, Dean Chappell Wilson of the A. S. T. C. graduate school, Mayor R. B. Hardin of Boone. (Continued on page three)

Parkway Plan Is Opposed

Asheville, May 22—The executive board of the Blue Ridge Parkway Assn. today went on record as opposing construction of additional lodging and restaurant facilities on the Parkway.

The association membership took no action, however.

The board's resolution, adopted prior to the association's annual meeting here today, specifically mentioned lodging and restaurant facilities. It made no mention of gas stations.

All three types of facilities are proposed under the National Park Service's proposed expansion of concessions on the scenic drive. The expansion proposals have been under fire for months from private tourist interests who cannot erect buildings or advertise within the parkway boundaries.

The board also called for better identification of off-Parkway accommodations and eating places on signs on the Parkway.

Parkway Supt. Sam P. Weems, a member of the advisory board of the association, was not present for the annual meeting.

The association elected R. B. Hardin, mayor of Blowing Rock as president; Charles H. Gullickson of Gallatinburg, Tenn., vice-president; John Kelly of Roanoke, Va., treasurer, and Leo Derrick of Boone, secretary.

Council Enters Mayor's Race; To Create Contest

It became certain that there will be two candidates for Mayor before the Democratic convention tonight (Wednesday) when John H. Council told the Democrat Tuesday that he is definitely in the running for the top spot in the city government.

Mr. Council, who is 27 years old, is a son of the late E. Tracy Council and Mrs. Council and was reared here. He graduated from the University of North Carolina in 1951, and served for four years in the Navy during the Korean war. He is presently in the real estate business and manager of the Gulf Oil distributing plant for Watauga and Ashe counties.

At the same time Lewis Reese announces that he is running for Alderman. A native of Beaver Dam township, Mr. Reese has lived in Boone for 17 years. He is a former school teacher and is presently employed at the Sanitary Barber Shop.

Mayor Winkler announced to succeed himself some weeks ago. Incumbent members of the city council: Howard Cottrell, W. R. Richardson and Grady Tugman, have also announced their candidacies.

With six candidates definitely running for the four places on the ticket, considerable interest is being noted in the convention which convenes at 8 o'clock with Chairman Homer Brown presiding. A sizable number of Democrats is expected to attend.

Claud Hampton, 18, Drowned In Surf

Claud Hampton, 18, resident of Triplett, was drowned Monday afternoon while swimming, with a companion, in a rough surf at Myrtle Beach, S. C.

A life guard was able to pull the companion, William Horton of Vilas, from the water.

Rescuers formed a human chain in the search for Hampton's body, which was recovered about 1:50 p. m. some 15 minutes after the youth had disappeared beneath the waves.

Life guards were said to have worked over Hampton's body for some 20 minutes before a physician pronounced him dead.

Young Mr. Hampton, William Horton of Vilas, Phil McGuire and Bob Cooke of Boone were enjoying a vacation at the beach when the accident occurred.

Mr. Hampton, a son of Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Hampton, was educated at Appalachian High School, and had been assisting his father in the lumber business.

Funeral details hadn't been arranged Tuesday evening.

Cleanup Period Set At Blowing Rock

The annual cleanup campaign will start in Blowing Rock June 3, and continue through the week, the Democrat is advised by Mrs. Nettie Greene, town clerk.

City trucks will be available on call to pickup the rubbish as it is gathered, and citizens may call CY 5-4111, for this service.

Mayor R. B. Hardin and the other town officials are anxious that the citizens of the town cooperate in this effort to clear away the trash, and make the popular resort town spick and span before the summer visitors begin to arrive in great numbers.

Train Visitors Are Not Invited

The Tweetsie Railroad Co. regrets to announce that the public is not invited into the area of the building project until work is completed, due to hazardous conditions which go with construction.

Blackburn Is Heard By Lions

Bill Blackburn of Boone, a member of the Speakers Bureau of the Governor's Safety Council, delivered a talk to the Boone Lions Club on highway safety Tuesday night, May 21.

The greatest single need in North Carolina today, he said, is to cut down on highway traffic accidents, adding that the job of the speakers bureau is to sell the public on the need for more safety legislation, and to bring about a change in driving attitudes and faulty driving habits.

The "Three E's" of the highway safety program are Education, Engineering, and Enforcement, Blackburn said.

Statistics show that speed is the number one killer, he said, listing other causes of accidents as failure to yield right-of-way, driving under the influence of intoxicants, and illegal passing.

Wool Pool To Be Weighed

The Watauga County 1957 Wool Pool will be weighed at the Farmers Burley Warehouse in Boone, Monday, June 3, beginning at 7:00 a. m. Farmers living west of Boone should bring their wool in the morning and those east of Boone in the afternoon.

The pool has been sold to Nichols and Company for \$61.07 cwt., clear tied wool in wool bags; one cent less on untied wool. Other grades of wool at lower prices. We are promised wool hags for exchange.

Shearers To Appear On TV

Messrs Johnny Vines and Dennis Trivett, Watauga county boys, who won the State sheep shearing championship recently, are scheduled to appear Friday on television station WCYB-TV, Bristol, between the hours of 12 noon and 1 o'clock.

Assistant County Agent W. C. Richardson will be present for the telecast and will narrate while each of the boys shears one sheep for the benefit of the viewers.



THREE FORKS BAPTIST ASSOCIATION GIFT.—Clyde R. Greene presents deed of his parents' home to Wade E. Brown, association moderator, as L. H. Hollingsworth, pastor of First Baptist Church in Boone watches. The home was a gift to the Three Forks Association by the Greene family, and will be used as a home for the associational missionary. A store building on the property is expected to serve the association as an office. The presentation was made during the spring session of the association last week. The late Rev. Nathan Greene served as pastor of several churches in this section before his death last year.—Photo by Palmer's Studio.