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Date	High	Low	5 p.m.	Wind
Dec. 4	40	21	25	38
Dec. 5	42	20	32	18
Dec. 6	33	24	43	16
Dec. 7	37	40	45	16
Dec. 8	47	38	42	1.07
Dec. 9	43	29	29	0.02
Dec. 10	38	20	34	17

*4 and 5—approximately in snow on day.

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Northwest Area Group Reports Year Of Progress

Atwell Alexander of Alexander county was elected President of the Northwest North Carolina Development Association at the annual meeting held in Elkin Thursday night, when reports of industrial progress in the area were presented to more than 700 people.

O. K. Richardson of Boone was elected first vice-president; Frank F. Willingham, of Forsyth, second vice-president; and Neil Bolton of Forsyth was re-elected secretary-treasurer.

The largest crowd ever to attend such a meeting was enthused by reports that many new plants, employing hundreds of people, with thousands of dollars in new payroll had bolstered the economy of the northwest during the past year.

Their review of activities during the past year won praise from the speaker, Arch N. Booth of Washington, D. C., executive vice president of the Chamber of Commerce of the United States.

"You are doing all this without a budget . . . with no dues and with no deficit . . ." he asked, noting that the popular thing to do is to seek federal or state aid.

"I am tremendously impressed by what you are doing through self reliance and by harnessing the leadership in your corner of North Carolina," Mr. Booth said.

Northwest North Carolina has "very attractive" advantages to offer industry, he said. Among those mentioned were an equitable tax system, good water, transportation, and power facilities.

Mr. Booth was introduced by Archie K. Davis, chairman of the Board of Directors of Wachovia Bank and Trust Company, and a director of the Winston-Salem Chamber of Commerce.

Mr. Coe, the outgoing president, attributed progress of the association to the enthusiasm of the people for "working together and promoting . . . our economy."

However, he warned that "we will go forward in this area only

as we bring to the attention of the people the unlimited opportunities" the 11-county area offers.

Division chairmen appointed include:

Industry, C. C. Armfield of Lenoir; agriculture, Wayne Corpening of Forsyth; community development, Mrs. W. T. Roth of Surry; and travel and recreation, Robert R. Garvey of Forsyth and Mrs. E. M. Anderson of Ashe.

The master of ceremonies was J. Kemp Doughton of Sparta, a member of the association's board of directors and speaker of the House during the 1957 session of the N. C. General Assembly.

Special awards were announced as follows:

Small cities, towns and villages—first, Jefferson and West Jefferson in Ashe; second, Boonville in Yadkin; third, Walkertown in Forsyth; fourth, Millers Creek in Wilkes; and fifth, Stony Point in Alexander;

Farming communities—first, Windsor's Crossroads in Yadkin; second, Copeland in Surry; third, Mulberry in Caldwell; fourth, Rocky Springs in Alexander; and fifth, Austin in Wilkes;

Rural non-farming communities—first, Vienna in Forsyth; second, Lansing in Ashe; third, New Haven in Alleghany; fourth, Brooks Crossroads in Yadkin; and fifth, Cove Creek in Watauga.

Lesser awards went to Bethlehem in Alexander, Poor's Knob in Wilkes, Pine Hall in Stokes, Franklin in Surry, Laurel Springs in Alleghany, Dulin-Cornatzer in Davie, Helton in Ashe, Elk in Watauga, Quaker Gap in Stokes, Beeson's Crossroads in Forsyth and Pooveys Grove in Caldwell.

New directors, one from each of the 11 counties, elected to three year terms, included:

Alexander, Carl Matheson of Taylorsville. Others directors are James B. Farthing of Taylorsville and Atwell Alexander of Stony Point.

Alleghany, Albert Richardson of Sparta. Other directors are J. K. Doughton of Sparta and Eugene Molsinger of Glade Valley.

Ashe, Hugh Creigler of West Jefferson. Other directors are J. Gwyn Gambill of Crumpler and Mrs. Ed M. Anderson of West Jefferson.

Caldwell, D. M. Courtney of Lenoir. Other directors are Fred Bowman and John Forlines Jr., both of Granite Falls.

Davie, Leo Williams of Mocksville. Other directors are E. C. Morris and Atlas Smoot, both of Mocksville.

Forsyth, M. C. Benton Jr. of Winston-Salem. Other directors are Archie K. Davis and Frank F. Willingham, both of Winston-Salem.

Stokes, Tom Preston of Pine Hall. Other directors are G. W. Shelton of Francisco and W. F. Marshall of Walnut Cove.

Surry, Haywood Merritt of Mount Airy. Other directors are J. Herman Coe of Dobson and Garland Johnson of Elkin.

Watauga, W. R. Winkler of Boone. Other directors are O. K. Richardson and L. E. Tackwiler, both of Boone.

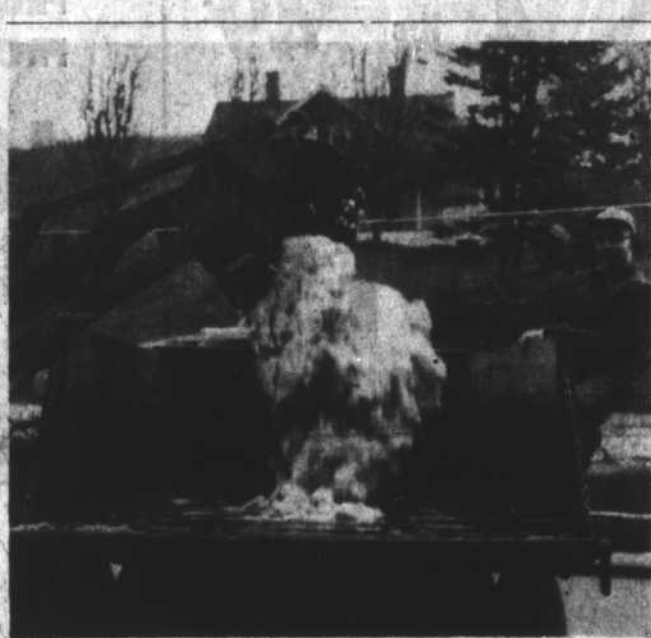
Wilkes, Virgil Settle of Elkin. Other directors are Andrew Kilby and Rhodes Batson, both of North Wilkesboro.

Yadkin, John Wade Shore of Boonville. Other directors are Mrs. E. H. Barnard of Yadkinville and A. G. Allen of Hamptonville.



SANTA HOSTS KIDDIES in shopping district of Boone. Hundreds of boys and girls were treated by Santa during his short visit to the town Saturday morning. R. D. Hodges, Jr., and Frank Coffey give an assist to the man from the North Pole who rode in on a fire truck, compliments of the Town of Boone.

Registration At Appalachian College Reaches Record 2,186



OPERATIONS SNOW DUMP—Carl Teague, town employee, supervises the clearing of snow and ice from King Street Friday. Snow fell last week and drifted in some places more than a foot deep, making traveling difficult. Warmer weather and rain removed the last trace of snow Saturday and Sunday.—Staff photo by Joe Minor.

Plemmons, Weys At Southern Assn. Meet

Dr. and Mrs. W. H. Plemmons and Dr. and Mrs. Herbert W. Weys attended the meetings of the Southern Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools in Richmond, Virginia, last week. Dr. Plemmons and Dr. Weys represented Appalachian State Teachers College at the meeting.

Dr. Plemmons served as a member of the Audit Committee for the Association. In addition, he was a member of the Commission on Libraries, the Commission on Higher Education, and the Southern Council on Teacher Education, which is affiliated with the Southern Association. He has served for the past two years as secretary-treasurer of the Southern Council, and will continue in that office for another year.

Dr. Weys is a member of the Commission on Research for the Association. He also was a member of the Nominating Committee for the Association as a whole.

During their stay, the Plemmons and the Weys went for a



MR. TULLY BLAIR, above, president of Security Life and Trust Company of Winston-Salem, will be the principal speaker Thursday night at the annual Ladies Night and installation of officers meeting of the Boone Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Blair has announced that his subject will be "The Second Mile." John B. Robinson will be installed as the Chamber's president for the coming year, succeeding Glenn R. Andrews. The meeting will be held in the Elementary School cafeteria at 8:30 p. m.

Burley Market Passes Two Million Pounds

The Boone burley tobacco market expected to pass the two-million mark in pounds sold on Wednesday of this week.

A total of 1,948,124 pounds had been sold through Monday, when the market registered another good day with 144,386 pounds bringing \$57,091.07 for an average of \$0.32 per hundred.

With averages consistently near or over \$0.30, growers have been well-pleased with prices at Boone this season.

A spokesman for the R. C. Coleman warehouse firm, operators of the local market, again stressed the importance of careful grading of tobacco before bringing it to market. "Be sure that any tobacco that is weather-beaten or showing black spots is cleaned off so that it will look its best. Then bring it to Boone and get a good price for a short haul."

The total individual registration at Appalachian State Teachers College has reached 2186, according to figures just released from the office of H. R. Eggers, registrar.

At the end of the fall quarter, 89 students completed work for either the bachelor's or the master's degree and continued with their graduate work. There were 136 in Saturday classes who did not return, and 154 who were enrolled in off-campus extension centers. These withdrawals, along with those of students who did not return for one reason or another, bring down to 1894 the number of students who are now enrolled in the college. If Saturday and extension classes which have ended and students who have graduated were eliminated, the percentage of drop-outs from the college is very small.

Appalachian will close on Friday, December 13, at noon for the Christmas vacation period. The students will return to the campus on January 1 for the beginning of classes on January 2 at eight o'clock in the morning.

Mid-term examinations for the winter quarter are scheduled to be given from January 20 through the 25th. On January 30 the Grass Roots Opera Company will present the opera "Don Giovanni" as one of the public programs for the year.

Also, on February 3, Donald Grant, world traveler and writer will spend the day on the campus as lecturer and visitor.

Another public program, George Bernard Shaw's "Arms and the Man" will be presented on February 17 by the Dublin Players.

Final examinations will be given March 5 through 7, and the winter quarter will end at noon on Friday, March 7.

In the meantime, students and faculty at Appalachian are busily approaching the Christmas season. Many students and staff members are participating in the programs being given by the churches, the clubs, and the civic organizations in Boone. Others are going to other towns to participate in like activities.

When the college closes, most of the students will go to their homes. Some of the faculty members plan to remain in Boone, others will visit families in many other states, and some will go to various vacation centers (such as Florida) for the holiday period.

Mrs. Mast Is Taken By Death

Mrs. Merle Greene Mast, 55, died Sunday at the home at Sherwood.

Funeral services were held Tuesday at 2 o'clock at Cove Creek Baptist Church by Rev. E. M. Blankenship and Rev. Ted White. Burial was in Cove Creek cemetery.

Survivors are the husband, Roe Mast, one son and four daughters; William D. Mast of Charlotte; Mrs. Jewell Smith, Mrs. Iva Dean Henson, Mrs. Reba Williams, Sherwood; Mrs. Bina Tester, Cleveland, Ohio.

North Carolina had 10 national 4-11 Club winners in 1957.

Would Have Voice In Highway Route

Civic Leaders Give Opinion Road Location

Watauga is one of a number of Northwest North Carolina counties organizing in an effort to influence location of a proposed super highway through this section of the State.

Four persons, two each from the Boone and Blowing Rock Chambers of Commerce, represented the county at a meeting held in Hickory Monday afternoon at which time the highway's proposed route was discussed and the various county groups organized. Catawba county officials called the session and served as hosts.

The meeting convened at 3 o'clock in the First National Bank Building.

Bob Hardin, Mayor of Blowing Rock, was named chairman of the Watauga contingent and Leo Derrick, manager of the Boone Chamber of Commerce, was chosen secretary. Stanley Harris of Boone and Spencer Robbins of Blowing Rock were the other local representatives.

Expressions favoring the westerly location of the super highway were voiced from each county represented and chairman and secretaries were named to lead their respective county fights.

It was the consensus that the proposed highway, which is to be a direct route from Cleveland, Ohio, to Charlotte and eventually into southern Florida, run closely parallel with US 21 from the southern end of the West Virginia Turnpike to Piedmont North Caro-

lina. Advocates stated this would shorten the distance of another suggested route by 33 miles and an estimated 33 million dollars in construction costs.

By locating near US 21, the northern entrance into North Carolina would be at Twin Oaks and the highway would run through Sparta, Roaring Gap, Elkin and Salisbury on a more direct route to Charlotte. It would also serve the western part of the State in an economic way, delegations pointed out.

It was suggested that each county prepare a brief substantiating this location of the highway and request time to air their views at a meeting of the North Carolina Highway Commission in Winston-Salem January 6.

Among the counties represented at the Hickory get-together were Watauga, Burke, Caldwell, Wilkes, Iredell and Catawbs.



EARLY HOLIDAY SHOPPERS JAM THE STREETS OF BOONE

Dr. Whitener Is Elected Head Of State Historical Association

Dr. D. J. Whitener, dean of Appalachian State Teachers College, has just been accorded one of the highest honors that can come to any of North Carolina's historians. He was elected to the presidency of the North Carolina Literary and Historical Association, at its meeting held last week in Raleigh.

Dr. Whitener is eminently qualified to head this distinguished organization. He holds the A. B. degree, the M. A. degree and the Ph.D. degree from the University of North Carolina, all in the field of history. He has had additional study at the University of Michigan in this field.

Dr. Whitener has been a high school principal, was acting head of the department of history at Lenoir Rhyne College for one year, was a Fellow in history at the University of North Carolina for one year, and served from 1932 until 1957 as head of the department of social studies at Appalachian State Teachers College.

Dr. Whitener is the author of "Prohibition in North Carolina," published in 1945 by the University of North Carolina Press, "History of Watauga County" published

in 1948 by the Boone Chamber of Commerce, and numerous articles in The Historical Review and

ed the chapter on History of Public Education in North Carolina During Reconstruction published in Southern Essays by Green.

Dr. Whitener is a member of the American Historical Association, the Southern Historical Association, the North Carolina Historical Society, the Western North Carolina Historical Association, and the State Literary and Historical Association. He has served in various offices in these groups, and has been president of the Western North Carolina Historical Association. He was also, for a number of years, executive vice-president of the Southern Appalachian Historical Association, which produces the drama "Horn in the West."

Dr. Whitener is listed in Who's Who in American Education; in Who Knows—and What; and in the Directory of American Scholars. He is a member of the Watauga County Board of Education, and of the Boone Methodist Church. He has just been elected a director of the North Carolina State School Board Association for a term of four years.

Dr. Whitener became dean of Appalachian State Teachers College in 1955.

At 6:00 p. m. the Appalachian Junior Varsity will meet the Pfeiffer Junior Varsity in a basketball contest. The baby Apps, coached by Kent Mosley, will be shooting for their third straight win of the season as against no defeats.

The highlight of the evening will be a varsity basketball contest between the Mountaineers and the Panthers of Pfeiffer College. The match is the home opener for the App matmen and will start at 8:30 p. m. The Apps defeated the Deacons in Winston-Salem last Saturday afternoon by a score of 29-4.

Thursday promises to be a fine day for Appalachian sports fans.

Boone Lions Club To Hold Annual Holiday Party

The Boone Lions Club will hold its annual Ladies Night and Christmas Party at the Daniel Boone Hotel Tuesday evening, December 17, at 7 o'clock.

A program of Christmas music, stories and poems has been arranged by a committee headed by the Rev. J. K. Parker, assisted by Lions Tom Winkler and Dr. R. H. Harmon, and Lionesses Mrs. James Winkler and Mrs. Ralph Tugman.

The traditional exchange of gifts will also be a feature of the program.

Dr. J. H. Workman, president, urges all members of the club to make a special effort to attend and bring their Lionesses.

Thomas Lentz Dies On Monday At Blowing Rock

Thomas Wiley Lentz, 52, of Blowing Rock, died Monday at Blowing Rock Hospital, following a heart attack.

Funeral services were held at the Blowing Rock Presbyterian Church Wednesday at 2 o'clock by Dr. W. K. Keys and Rev. J. K. Parker, Jr. and burial was in Blowing Rock cemetery.

The widow, Mrs. Alice F. Lentz, a son, Perry Lentz and two daughters, Mrs. Bernice Greene and Miss Dorothy Lentz survive. The mother, Mrs. John Lentz also survives with four brothers: Ross Eugene, Bill and Johnny Lentz of Blowing Rock.

Draft Offices To Be Closed

The Watauga County Local Board Office, Selective Service System, will be closed from 6 p. m. Friday, Dec. 13, to 3 a. m. on Monday, Dec. 30.

Blowing Rock Motorists To Buy City Tags

Motorists of Blowing Rock are advised that they will be required to display town license tags by the first of the year.

Mrs. Nettie Greene, city clerk, states that the cost of the tags is one dollar, and that they are of the traditional yellow and black to match the State license plates.

The 1957 highway death toll might be 1,000 less than last year, the National Safety Council estimated.