

BOONE WEATHER					
1958	High	Low	6 pm	prec.	1957-58
Feb. 4	23	-16	21	.13"	52 45
Feb. 5	40	15	40	tr.	67 48
Feb. 6	48	28	43	.32"	67 30
Feb. 7	43	27	23	tr.	59 42
Feb. 8	28	11	13	.08"	54 40
Feb. 9	17	-10	14	tr.	65 40
Feb. 10	25	6	30	tr.	63 40

*Snow; Feb. 4 and 9—low is questionable.

"Boone's Ambassadors" To Appear In Concert Saturday



The Appalachian High School Band, "Boone's Ambassadors", will be presented in a "Concert in Three Dimensions" in the Elementary Auditorium Saturday night, February 22 at 8:00. The program is free of charge and the public is invited.

in the programming will be a number featuring a dance by Miss Mollie Agle. Selections to be heard include, "The Showman" march, "Elsa's Procession to the Cathedral", "Carnival Day in New Orleans", "Russian Sailor's Dance", "National Emblem March", "American Patrol", "March of the Little Leaden Soldiers", "Autumn Leaves", "Marching The Blues" and others.

This type of performance will use many new techniques for the first time in Boone and will present the band in a most unusual manner. (Photo by Verlin Coffey)

Bill Ross Is Chosen As Director "Horn"

College Drama Groups To Stage Gay Review

Jar Of Pennies Is Polio Gift

A Mason jar, containing five hundred pennies, was given to the March of Dimes in Blowing Rock by Mickie Williams, eleven, fifth grade student at Blowing Rock School.

In announcing Mickie's generosity, Mrs. Arnold Bolick, March of Dimes chairman for Blowing Rock, remarks that her receipts for the polio fund in Blowing Rock have amounted to \$121.56, which of course, is in addition to the amounts which have been mailed in.

Alpha Psi Omega and Appal

chian Playcrafters, the drama groups on campus, have released their tentative plans for the remainder of the year. A "Roaring '20's Review" will be staged, under the sponsorship of Alpha Psi Omega, March 1.

Auditions for the parts in the review, which centers around a small-town Southern girl who makes good and goes to Hollywood, leaving her beau behind, will be held Friday afternoon at 4:00 o'clock in the Administration Building Auditorium. Miss Mary Ruth Johnston, the writer and over-all director of the production, has announced that tryouts are open only to Playcrafters and Alpha Psi Omega members.

Drama Veteran Will Succeed E. R. Loessin

By VIRGIL ROLLINS
William C. (Bill) Ross, who has distinguished himself as a member of the Horn in the West cast each year since the play opened in 1952, has been appointed director of the 1958 production of the drama.

He succeeds Edward R. Loessin, who this year will direct "Chucky



Photo By Paul Weston Studio
BILL ROSS

Listing Time Is Extended

The time for listing taxes for the year 1958 has been extended through the month of February by the board of county commissioners, according to an announcement by Ivy B. Wilson, county tax supervisor.

"We urge all those who have not listed to be sure and do so before the end of February and avoid the penalty of the law, as the time will not be extended further," Mr. Wilson said.

Church's Goes To New Location

Church's, Inc., dealing in men's and boys' clothing and shoes on West King Street, has moved to the building recently vacated by Bare's Department Store, Fred Church, proprietor, announced this week.

"We needed more room," Mr. Church said, "and we feel that we can serve the public better with a wider variety of merchandise in our new location. We will continue to deal exclusively in men's and boys' wear for the present."

Two Are Caught On Scenic Road

Two Yancey county men, caught for violations on Blue Ridge Parkway, were tried before U. S. Commissioner Fred H. Hoover of Lenoir January 31, and were given prison terms of six months and sixty days, respectively.

The six months sentence was given for driving under the influence of alcohol and without a valid N. C. driver's license. The sixty day sentence was given for disorderly conduct and public drunkenness.

Many Motorists Face Deadline Sans Tags

Greenwood To Address Local Group

Thompson Greenwood, executive vice-president of the North Carolina Merchants Association, will be the speaker for the regular monthly meeting of the Boone Chamber of Commerce and Merchants Association on Tuesday.

The announcement was made today by Leo Derrick, manager of the local organization, who said Greenwood had recently confirmed an earlier acceptance of the invitation to attend.

By JOE C. MINOR
If a count along King street, from Hardin to Water streets is any indication of how many motorists have yet to display their 1958 state license tags, there are still about 3,500 Watauga cars which lack the license to be on North Carolina highways after February 15.

These figures are based on a count made Tuesday at noon, when 121 cars were counted between the mentioned two points, which showed that 46 cars carried the black on gold 1958 plates, 65 still had the old gold on black plates of 1957. Nine out-of-state cars were noted and one police car, which is tagged with a "permanent" silver and black tag.

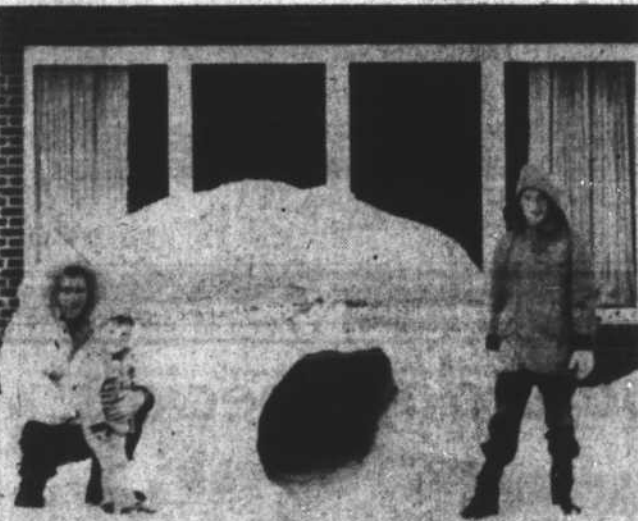
According to the Highway Patrol office, located in Boone, approximately 6,000 cars were registered from Watauga county last year. This leaves just a little less than 2,500 cars that have been decorated with the new tags.

If above figures are representative, and if most persons that have bought their new plates have already put them on, it is believed that several cars will not be on the highways after Saturday, as the local patrol states that those caught without the new tags after that day will be subject to being cited for driving without proper registration.

Insurance writers have been required to furnish their policyholders with proof of ownership of such a policy. This proof is in the form of a certificate with pertinent facts on it. This supposedly will slow late tag buyers down some because all figures on the certificate must be checked to see if they are correct. Many car owners have delayed buying insurance but must do so before getting a license plate.

There is no branch office in Boone or Watauga county which sells tags, so buyers must either go out of town to secure the plates, or send to Raleigh by mail.

Results of all this may be: More pedestrians.



FRIGID BOONE—Jerry Coe and boys play Eskimo as they stand in front of an igloo they constructed at their home from last week's heavy snowfall. Left to right are Mr. Coe, Scott and Johnny Coe. The ice house measured fifteen feet around.—Photo by Palmer's Photo Shop.

Northern Lights Are Seen Locally

By JOE C. MINOR
Persons who had occasion to be out of the house Monday night were treated to a rare sight when the Aurora Borealis displayed her brilliant lighting over this area.

The Aurora Borealis, or more commonly referred to around here as the Northern Lights, was visible for some time in Boone, and reached its zenith sometime between 8:30 and 9:30 o'clock. Persons coming from Blowing Rock and other areas south, reported they thought all of Boone "must be on fire."

The "lights" ranged in color various shades of red or purple, to some green and white, which is said to be unusual.

One person described the glow as a "beautiful sunset too late in the evening."

Persons seeing the lights called friends and told them of the spectacle, and no two persons described what they saw in exactly the same words. However, it was worth the price of going out into the cold to see, and a return performance was promised for Tuesday night, although maybe not in such a brilliant display.

Plemmons Pleads For Academic Freedoms

Winston-Salem, N. C., Feb. 7.—A strong plea for academic freedom was made on the campus of Wake Forest College yesterday by Dr. William H. Plemmons, president of Appalachian State Teachers College.

Speaking at exercises observing the college's 124th birthday, the Wake Forest alumnus said that academic freedom is of "even greater importance" to a college faculty than an adequate salary schedule.

"Freedom," he said, "is not the absence of responsibility nor is it the right to do as one pleases. It is the presence of responsible choice. Its source of power is self-control."

"The teacher's right and freedom to engage in research and disseminate the results, while not circumscribed by boundaries in which the search of truth may be pursued, may be limited by his other assigned duties, and will be limited always by the requirements of objectivity and integrity. The search for truth, wherever it leads, is not out of harmony with God."

Dr. Plemmons also quoted from a statement on academic freedom adopted unanimously by the Association of American Universities in 1953. It said, in part: "... To enjoy uniformity of outlook upon a university faculty would put a stop to learning at its source."

About 1,900 students and faculty members heard the address in Wait Chapel. Dr. Plemmons was introduced by Wake Forest President Harold W. Tribble.

The Rev. L. H. Hollingsworth, pastor of the First Baptist Church at Boone and president of the General Board of the convention, read the scripture and gave the invocation.

that the lights may soon be seen. Anyway, those that were out looking for the lights and those that "just happened" to see them, all seemed glad they did, and those who learned about the auroral display too late seemed disappointed.

Indianapolis, Ind.—A passer-by stopped 74-year-old Dominick Turchi to "brush that speck of dirt off your coat." After the man left, Turchi discovered \$200 was missing from his pocket.

Members of the board of directors, at their scheduled session Feb. 4, stated they would invite special guests and urged all business people to make an effort to be present.



THE CHIMNEY STANDS after Watauga Inn at Blowing Rock was destroyed by fire early this month. W. A. Cessna, of Asheville, owner of the popular resort hotel, stated this week that the inn will be rebuilt, but it is doubtful that it will be ready for use this summer. It probably will be opened next year. The fire caused a total loss, according to fire men.—Photo by Palmer's Photo Shop.

Walton Goes To Insurance

Stanley A. Harris, General Agent of Sturdivant Life Insurance Company, announces the addition of Daniel J. Walton to their staff of agents. Mr. Walton will specialize in Estate Planning and Educational and Endowment programs for children. He is a member of the Jaycees and will be happy to serve his friends and the clients of Sturdivant Life Insurance Company.

Mr. Walton's office is in connection with Sturdivant Life Insurance Company office in the Watauga Savings and Loan Building.

Mrs. Reddick Rites Are Held

Mrs. Lena Mast Reddick, 74, resident of Valle Crucis, died Monday at Blowing Rock Hospital.

Funeral services were held Tuesday at 11 o'clock at the Valle Crucis Methodist Church. Ministers were Miss Geraldine Surratt and Rev. R. Y. Winters. Burial was in the Mast cemetery.

A daughter of the late William and Mrs. Mast, Mrs. Reddick is survived by two sons and two daughters: Glenn Reddick, Florida; James Reddick, Winston-Salem, Mrs. Mary Dawsey, McClellansville, S. C., Mrs. Blanche Young, Derita, N. C. There are ten grandchildren and three great grandchildren. Two sisters survive: Mrs. Effie Clark, Valle Crucis; Mrs. Stella Dunn, of the State of Washington.

Miss Calloway Ends Duke Work

Miss Betty Jane Calloway, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Vance Calloway of Boone graduated from the Duke University School of Medicine January 31, having majored in x-ray technology.

After having visited with her parents for a week Miss Calloway went to Raleigh Monday where she is employed at Rex Hospital. She will complete her internship there.

Jack," another Kermit Hunter outdoor drama produced at Gatlinburg, Tenn.

Charles Elledge of Marion, another charter member of the Horn cast, was appointed at the same time to fill the newly-created post of assistant director.

The board of directors of the Southern Appalachian Historical Association voted unanimously to accept the recommendations of a committee headed by Dr. Lawrence H. Owsley at a meeting held Wednesday, February 5.

Mr. Ross, whose new duties will include the final selection of the cast, a former function of the production department, will not take part in the play this season.

Mr. Elledge, however, in addition to his duties as assistant director, will also be a member of the cast as in former years, it was announced.

Varied Background
A native of Morganton, Mr. Ross received his BS degree from Appalachian State Teachers College in 1950 and his Master's degree in 1951. He has been a member of the Appalachian High School faculty for the past seven years, and is currently teaching dramatics and English.

The foundation of his theatrical career was laid in high school where he participated in dramatics and debating, and was a member of the band. He also played varsity football, basketball, baseball, and tennis in high school at Morganton.

A World War II veteran of the Air Force and the Infantry, he al-

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Mrs. Presnell Dies Saturday

Mrs. Ida Camaline Presnell, 53, of Beech Creek, died Saturday at Watauga Hospital. A cerebral hemorrhage was given as the immediate cause of death.

Funeral services were conducted from the home Monday by Rev. Benny Ward and burial was in the neighborhood cemetery.

The husband, Sherman Presnell survives. Other survivors are a brother and sister, Kenley Presnell, Rominger; Mrs. Vina Harmon, Sugar Grove, and the parents, Mr. and Mrs. N. M. Presnell, Rominger.

Miss Calloway Gets Degree At Florida U.

Among the four hundred receiving degrees at Florida State University in Tallahassee February 1 was Benjamin Haskell Horton, Jr., of Boone, N. C., who was awarded the degree of Doctor of Education.