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BOONE WEATHER					
1958	High	Low	6 pm. prec.	1957—H.L.	
Mar. 11	56	30	45	tr.	55 34
Mar. 12	52	30	44	tr.	56 34
Mar. 13	45	30	30	32*	56 30
Mar. 14	53	22	25	12	51 40
Mar. 15	49	13	25	63	60 41
Mar. 16	38	18	33	tr.	53 30
Mar. 17	38	29	37	tr.	55 34

\*1 inch snow.

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## One Is Hurt In. Crash

James Dewey Byrd, Jr., of Wilkesboro is in Watauga Hospital suffering from a fractured hip, as a result of a one-car accident Sunday, about 5:55 p. m. Byrd was traveling east on U. S. Highway 421, about two and one-tenth miles from Boone, near the Roby Greer home, when the accident occurred.

According to the investigating highway patrolman, Charles W. Mason, Byrd was driving toward North Wilkesboro in a 1956 DeSoto when the car ran off the right side of the road. The driver apparently lost control of the vehicle, and went to the left side striking the shoulder and then returned to the right hand side, leaving the highway and striking a fence, knocking down several posts.

The car traveled sideways a "good distance," but never turned over.

Byrd was thrown from the car and was picked up by ambulance attendants about ten feet from where the car halted. Estimated damage to the vehicle was \$600.

Mr. Mason stated that no charges had been preferred, but that he is continuing his investigation.



BROWNIES pose for a picture just before joining their mothers and Girl Scouts at the Mother-Daughter Banquet last week in the basement of the First Baptist Church in Boone. They are, front row, left to right: Rita Graham, Beth Lawrence, Judy Luncford, Linda Price, Monnie Blanton, Cheryl Morhauser; second row: Joyce Payne, Jennie Lou Robinson, Margaret Elaine Derrick, Nancy Robinson, Martha Stacy, Melinda Robinson, Nancy Stacy, Linda Dixon, Linda Barnett, third row: Carol Hagaman, Claudia Ragan, Janice Ayers, Diane Hagaman, Lyndon Lackey, Susan Isenhour, Becky Wright, Sara Lou Hagaman, Janice Lewis, and Mary Darwin Marsh. Other Brownies are Paula Steele, Betty Ann Congleton, Linda Jo Batts, Jennie Bell Mast, Jane Dougherty, Brenda Wey, Patsy Roten and Barbara Barnett.



GIRL SCOUTS at the banquet were, first row, left to right: Mackie Hagaman, Carole Lee Critcher, Jeannette Wagner, Dianne Warman, Ruth Ann Williams, Linda Hollingsworth, Gloria Jean Storie, Maria Erneston, Lenore Nash, Sylvia Crew; second row: Gail Wilson, Norma Sherrill, Judy Rayfield, Kay Greer, Toi Cooke, Patsy Sue Spencer, Barbara Yoder, Janie Buckland; third and fourth rows: Rebecca Russell, Kathryn Kelley, Cassandra Pritchett, Pam Hamby, Janie Price, Barbara Mast, Elizabeth Bartlett, Martha Moretz, Judy McGuire, Pat Flowers, Gay Kirchner, Patsy Beshears, and Nancy Pease.—Staff photos.

## Honor Court Is Held For Scouts

A Court of Honor for the Scouts of Watauga County was held at Henson's Chapel Sunday evening, 7:30 o'clock.

The following boys from Boone were awarded honors: Jimmy Cottrell, first class; Marcus Cooke, first class, with merit badges in wild life, first aid, wood carving, and citizenship in the nation; Andy Stallings, merit badges of citizenship in the nation and public health; Jimmy Cannon, merit badge in home repairs; John Harrison, Star.

First class pins were given the following boys from Henson's Chapel troop: James Henson, A. C. Hollars, Johnny Henson, Bobby Johnson, Charles Greene, Teddy Mast and Tommy Cole. Second class ranks went to John Washburn and Billy Henson. Hal Main was recognized as a tenderfoot.

## Lions To Honor Governor Smith



A. R. SMITH

The Boone Lions Club will hold a special ladies night meeting in honor of District Governor A. R. Smith, a member of the Boone club, on Tuesday night, April 1, in the Daniel Boone Hotel.

Guest speaker will be the immediate past president of Lions International, John L. Stickle, of Charlotte, who is recognized as one of the outstanding international presidents in the history of Lionism.

He will be introduced by Dr. D. J. Whitener, international counselor and a member of the Boone club.

Leo K. Pritchett will act as master of ceremonies, and Richard E. Kelley, also an international counselor, will introduce out-of-town guests.

Members of Governor Smith's cabinet, their wives, and other state notables in Lionism are expected to attend the meeting.

**MAN'S BEST FRIEND**  
 Chicago, Ill. — Mrs. William Stokes was granted the divorce she asked for, but the Court also gave Mr. Stokes what he sought. He will be allowed to visit the family dog twice a week.

## Rural Development Program Is Topic Of Chamber Commerce

### Herbert Wagner Dies In Princeton

Herbert Spencer Wagner, 61, native of the Foscoe section of Watauga county, and well-known Princeton, West Virginia business man, died in that city last Saturday following a long illness.

Mr. Wagner had suffered a broken leg in a fall in April of 1957, and had been ill from resulting complications since that time.

Funeral services were conducted Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the Foscoe Christian Church by Rev. Charles Collins, the pastor. Also taking part in the rites were Rev. Glenn Gentry of Elk Park, and Rev. John Jones of Johnson City. The Harvey Family Singers of Johnson City took part in the services. Burial was in the Foscoe cemetery.

Pallbearers were: Dallas Wagner, Donald Wagner, Estel Wagner, J. E. Wagner, Jr., Dewey Biggs, Bradley Teague, Pete Sluder, Romie Storie and Mont Teague.

Survivors are the widow, Mrs. Ruby Taylor Wagner, one daughter, Mrs. Helen Biggs, of Princeton, W. Va.; two sons, Buck Wagner, Johnson City, Tenn.; Jack Wagner, of the home. The mother, Mrs. Myra A. Wagner, also survives.

Mr. Wagner, who was born and reared in the Foscoe neighborhood, had been a resident of Princeton for 25 years, where he was engaged in the well-drilling business. He and his family returned to Foscoe five years ago, but he retained his business interests in Princeton. He was a member of the Christian Church in Princeton.



GILBERT FRANK MAST

### Gilbert Mast Gets Road Post

Gilbert Frank "Smoky" Mast of Boone has been named as successor to Mr. J. T. Winkler as Road Maintenance Supervisor in Ashe and Avery Counties. Mr. Mast was working as Highway Inspector III with the construction department of the state when this appointment was made.

Mr. Mast first started work with the State in 1935 on the Parkway from Laurel Springs to Asheville. He worked with the construction department from May of 1936 until May of 1942, when he resigned to do defense work at Durham, Wilmington, N. C. and Oak Ridge, Tennessee.

Mr. Mast returned to the State in March of 1946 with construction again. He has remained with them until his recent appointment.

He is married to the former Miss Olive Triplett of Boone. They

The March meeting of the Boone Chamber of Commerce, held at noon Tuesday, March 11, featured the Watauga County Rural Development work.

With the program arranged by Herman Anderson, assistant county agent in charge of Rural Development, it was one of the best-attended meetings of the civic body in several years with some 93 persons present, and brought together leaders from each community in the county to discuss the importance of organization and working together to solve common problems.

Guest speaker Neil Bolton, manager of the agriculture division of the Winston-Salem Chamber of Commerce and executive secretary of the Northwest North Carolina Development Association, spoke on why rural communities should organize, stressed the importance of strong churches and schools, and also laid special emphasis upon the importance of income-producing projects with coordinated efforts by all communities in the county. This, he said, would give volume and strength in marketing.

It is vital, said Mr. Anderson, to promote and maintain good relations between town and county organizations for the greater benefit of both.

Watauga is one of three so-called "pilot counties" in North Carolina selected by the Federal government to carry out the Rural Development Program.

Five of the fifteen Watauga County communities are organized under this program to date, said Mr. Anderson. These are Bethel, Cove Creek, Bamboo, Elk, and Valle Crucis. He added that it is the goal of leaders in the program to organize all communities at the earliest possible date.

## Horn To Open June 28 If Financial Aid Is Adequate

### \$15,000 Being Sought For Local Drama

Horn in the West will open its seventh season on June 28th provided sufficient local financial backing can be secured.

This was the decision made at a public meeting attended by 26 persons held Friday night to sound out sentiment on the continuation of the outdoor drama.

It was the feeling of the group that severe weather conditions prevented many from attending the meeting.

James P. Marsh, executive vice-president of the Southern Appalachian Historical Association, which produces the play, announced that 30 individuals and business firms had signed notes of \$300 each on which face value can be borrowed by the producers at the North-western Bank. Five more notes were signed at the meeting, leaving some 25 additional signers needed.

A minimum of \$15,000 will be required to finance the 1958 opening of the play, he said.

Mr. Marsh said Tuesday that encouraging reports from a team of workers who have volunteered to secure the remaining number of notes required, indicate that the money will be raised by the end of this week, and that Horn in the West will open on schedule.

The same method has been used to keep the play going for the past three years. With the drama operating at a deficit each year despite a \$10,000 grant from the State of North Carolina for the past two years, note signers had to pay \$88 of their \$300 notes last year, and \$75 the year before.

Prior to that time, 20 directors of the association signed notes totalling \$20,000 annually to finance the project.

In outlining the situation at Friday night's meeting, Marsh told the group that the national business recession has not been felt appreciably here as yet, but if the "Horn" closed, the area would certainly be affected adversely.

Dr. Lawrence H. Owsley pointed out that last year showed the first upturn in attendance since the drama opened in 1952, and suggested that "we comb the county to house" if necessary to raise the money.

Russell Hodges expressed the prevailing sentiment of the gathering when he said, "The only thing to do is to raise the money and open Horn in the West."

Spencer Robbins of Blowing Rock said the Asheville Chamber of Commerce has helped promote the drama by including it as one

### Saleslady Is Given Award

Mrs. Joy G. Greene, member of the sales staff of Boone Drug Company, Rexall drug store, is the proud recipient of the Rexall Citation of Merit awarded by the Rexall Drug Company of Los Angeles.

O. K. and W. R. Richardson, store owners, said the award was made in recognition of Mrs. Greene's "sincere enthusiasm and desire to serve" and "in acknowledgement of unusual initiative."

Of all the salespeople who sell Rexall drug products and who work in the ten thousand locally-owned Rexall stores, only a limited number are selected each year to receive the Citation of Merit.

The citation bears the signatures of John Bowles, president; Paul E. Mudgett, president of International association of Rexall clubs; and Don C. Boughn, secretary-treasurer of the international association.

Mrs. Greene has been employed at Boone Drug Company for the past five and one-half years and has been an outstanding saleslady, winning other honors as a result of her efficiency and helpfulness, O. K. Richardson said in announcing the award.

## College Choir To Give Concert



The Appalachian College Choir, under the direction of Mrs. Virginia Wary Linney, will present its annual Spring Concert Monday evening at 8:00 o'clock, in the College auditorium.

A varied program has been planned, Mrs. Linney said, so that there will be something of interest for all. She lists the programs as follows:

Part I:  
 Glorious Everlasting by M. T. Cousins.  
 Sanctus by Gounod, a tenor solo by Everett Elledge.  
 How Shall I Filly Meet Thee?  
 and Break Forth, O Beauteous Heavenly Light, chorals from the Christmas Oratorio by Bach.

Two selections from the Elijah by Mendelssohn, Hear Ye Israel, a soprano solo by Florence Payne, and Be Not Afraid by the Chorus.

Brother James—Air by Gordon Jacob.  
 God of Our Fathers by Warren Gearhart, obligato—Peggy Carter, Sharon Waldorf, Florence Payne. Instrumental ensemble—Camella Graeber, trumpet; Bobby Taylor, trumpet; Eddie Harrington, trumpet; Tom Bromeling, tympani.

Part II:  
 Jacob's Ladder, a spiritual, arranged by Harry Robert Wilson; He's Got the Whole World in His Hands, spiritual, arranged by Merritt; The Deaf Woman's Courtship, native American folk song, arranged by Elie Siegmeyer—solists, Donna Jones, Jerry Jones.  
 Black Is the Color of My True Love's Hair, Appalachian folk song, arranged by Stuart Churchill, interpretative dance by Barbara Watkins.

When the Saints Go Marching Home, a spiritual arranged by Harry Simeone.  
 Choral selections from "The Musical Play Carousel," by Richard Rodgers.

The program will be highlighted by the use of added accompanying instruments including brass and percussion.

James W. Rooker will preside at the organ, and Sandy Beam at the piano.  
 Assisting with interpretative dances will be members of the Modern Dance Group, under the direction of Mrs. Joy Miller Kirchner.

## National Legion Official Will Visit Boone And Address Vets



HARRY W. MILLER



W. D. ROBBINS



NASH D. MCKEE

## Dr. Tucker To Speak To Brotherhood Meet

Plans are nearing completion for the Three Forks Baptist Association Brotherhood Conference which will be held at the First Baptist Church of Boone on Friday, March 28, at 7:30 p. m.

Herman W. Wilcox, president, has announced that a nationally-known speaker has been secured for the interdenominational meeting. Dr. H. Park Tucker, chaplain of the Federal penitentiary at Atlanta, Ga.

Dr. Tucker is one of the most colorful and versatile prison chaplains in the United States. He has appeared on radio, television, and as guest speaker on the platforms of many civic and religious organizations. His life and dramatic accomplishments have been the subject of many articles in newspapers and magazines.

On March 21, 1956, he was honored on the television show, "This Is Your Life."

A former coal miner, Dr. Tucker was led to the ministry as the result of a mine accident that cost

## Aaron Brown Is Taken By Death

Aaron L. Brown, 74 years old, died in a hospital in Knoxville, Tennessee Tuesday, March 11th.

Funeral services were conducted at 11:00 a. m. Thursday, March 13th, and burial was in the Boone cemetery.

Surviving are his widow, Mrs. Hattie Mast Brown, and the following brothers and sisters: Mrs. James F. Scott of Knifley, Kentucky, C. D. Brown of N. Augusta, Georgia, Rev. Robert L. Brown of Keota, Iowa, D. A. Brown of Southampton, Pa., Mrs. A. L. Cook and Homer F. Brown of Boone.

The American Legion's National Vice Commander Harry W. Miller, of Fayetteville, West Virginia, will be on Boone on March 27, it was announced this week by Lionel Ward, adjutant of Watauga Legion Post No. 130 in Boone.

The National Vice Commander will address an American Legion observance set for 7:00 p. m. Legionnaires and Auxiliary members from throughout Ashe, Wilkes, Alleghany, Watauga, Burke and Caldwell counties are expected to attend the supper.

State Commander W. D. Robbins, of Willard, and State Adjutant Nash D. McKee, of Raleigh, will also be here for the observance.

Legion Posts in this area are staging a clean-up membership drive to secure their quotas for 1958 to present to Commander Miller when he arrives, Adjutant Ward said.

The American Legion was founded at a caucus of delegates from the 1st AEF in Paris, France, March 15-17, 1919, according to Adjutant Ward. It is the only American veteran's organization founded overseas by fighting men and women. It includes today veterans of World War I, World War II, and of the Korean conflict. Dinner will be served at Creed's