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BOONE WEATHER				
1958	High	Low	6 pm	prec.
Mar. 18	38	29	33	.43
Mar. 19	37	30	34	.04
Mar. 20	35	23	25	tz.
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Mar. 24	41	33	34	.00

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About ten inches snow and ice measured.

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Legality Of Tolls Debated

Washington—Secretary of the Interior Seaton told a group of North Carolinians last Wednesday that "if we're not wrong, we have no choice but to go ahead" and establish tolls on the Blue Ridge Parkway.

His reference to the possibility of being wrong was made in a legal sense and was made after one of the protesting group suggested a court test to determine whether the department has the authority to establish tolls on the North Carolina-Virginia scenic mountain road.

Seaton made the statement at the conclusion of a lengthy conference at which objections to the toll proposal were voiced by a group that included Gov. Luther Hodges and the North Carolina congressional delegation.

After all was said and done the positions of those on both sides of the question remained unchanged.

Seaton, speaking for the National Park Service, which is a part of the Interior Department, contended that to impose tolls on the Blue Ridge Parkway would be no different from similar action taken in regard to fees for the use of other national park areas.

What's more, it's the department's position that the policy of charging fees for various visitor services and facilities has been adopted by many states in regard to state parks.

Breaking Of Faith
On the other side, the protesters said the Blue Ridge Parkway was authorized and built with the clear understanding that it would remain toll free. To charge tolls, Cooley (D-NC) and Jonas (R-NC), they argued, would be an act of breaking faith with the states involved.

A number of Virginians also objected to the proposal, scheduled to take effect June 1, but they did not attend Wednesday's meeting.

Election Board Is Named Here

The State Board of Elections met Friday and named members of the election boards for each of the one hundred counties in the State.

Named to the Watauga county elections board are: W. R. Cottrell, Dayton Winebarger, Democrats; Stacy Eggers, Republican.

Mrs. Edwards Taken By Death

Mrs. D. M. Edwards, 84, died on Thursday, March 20, at her home in Sparta. Funeral services were conducted at 2 p. m. Saturday, March 22, at the Sparta Primitive Baptist Church.

Mrs. Edwards was the mother of Mrs. G. R. Andrews of Boone.

Walker Is Owner Of Tractor Agency

Mr. W. H. Walker of Sugar Grove has purchased the tractor and farm machinery business formerly known as the Winkler Tractor Co. and is conducting the business in the Winkler Motor Co. building.

Mr. Walker is being assisted in the management of the business by Mr. Howard Edmisten.

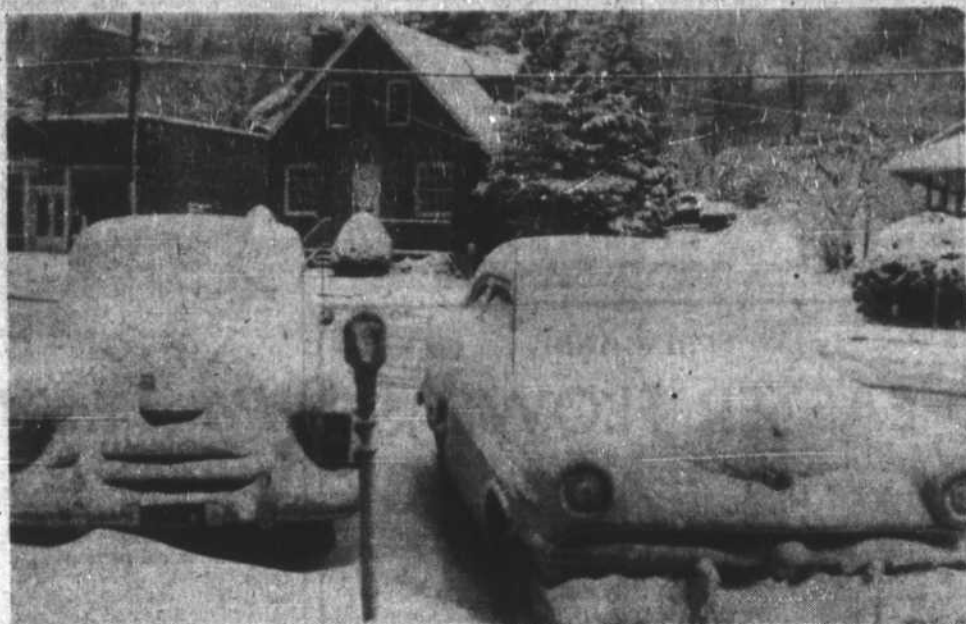
A full line of Ford tractors, and all related farm machinery is being carried, together with repair parts for such equipment.

Belus Smawley Is Installed In Hall of Fame

Kansas City—Belus Smawley, former Appalachian State College basketball star, was installed Friday in the National Assn. of Intercollegiate Athletics hall of fame.

Smawley and several others were installed as a sidelight of the NAIA tournament. While an undergraduate at the Boone, N. C., college, Smawley was an all-tournament pick.

Six district chairmen also were honored for outstanding work, including Clarence Stasavich of Lehigh College at Hickory, N. C.



NO SIGNS OF SPRING.—Snow-covered cars showed no signs that spring had come (calendar-wise) to Boone. Since the first of last week, more than ten inches of snow has been measured at the Boone weather station. Warm temperatures and rain have caused much of it to melt, making walking and traveling a "slushy mess."



A "CHRISTMAS CARD" SCENE.—The trees and bank, between Wade Brown's office and the Linney building on King Street, were just a sample of how Boone and much of Watauga county looked last week. The snow and ice stayed on the trees and wires most of the day, but finally yielded to 38-degree weather in the afternoon.—Staff photos Joe C. Minor.

Wiley Swift Dies As Fire Destroys Hotel At Newland

Six Republicans File For Watauga Primary

Doctors' Day To Be Observed

Sunday March 30th will be observed as Doctor's Day under the auspices of the Medical Auxiliary of the North Carolina Medical Society, the object being to honor members of the profession by some act of kindness, gift or tribute.

The red carnation is being used as the doctor's day symbol.

Flowers will be placed in all churches Sunday and each doctor will wear a red carnation. The drug store windows in Boone are decorated in honor of the doctors.

Saturday night the Medical Auxiliary will entertain the Doctors at a buffet dinner at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Lawrence Owsley.

District Science Fair At College On Friday

The Northwestern District Science Fair will be conducted at Appalachian State Teachers College at Boone March 28.

Registration will begin at 8:30 a. m., and all displays are expected to be in place by 10:30 a. m. in the Science building.

Judging will take place at 10:30. While the judging is being done, exhibitors will assemble in the lecture room of the Science building for a choice of one of the many campus tours or a program conducted by the College Science department.

Dr. D. J. Whitener, dean of Appalachian, will give the welcome address at the noon luncheon in

Six Republicans have filed for county office in the May primary, according to S. C. Eggers, chairman of the Watauga county Republican executive committee.

Mr. Eggers, presently representative in the General Assembly, has filed.

I. B. Wilson, county tax supervisor and Clint Lewis, member of the county board of commissioners, have filed for sheriff. John Wellborn (Stony Fork) and Incumbents Bynum Greene and Fred Hatley have filed for the county board of commissioners.

Watauga Democrats do not nominate their candidates in the primary. Their nominees will be chosen in county convention later in the year.

Russians, at parley, asks re-appraisal of foreign aid.

Newland—A Newland service station operator lost his life in a spectacular fire that destroyed the 40-year-old Shady Lawn Hotel here early Monday.

The victim was Wiley Swift, about 53, a regular resident of the hotel. He apparently died while trying to get out of his smoke-filled second story room.

One fireman was overcome by smoke after climbing through Swift's window. He was rescued by other firemen.

Three other volunteer firemen from Newland were slightly injured when a chimney collapsed on them.

The hotel, a two-story frame building was burned to the ground. The loss was estimated by Fire Chief Paul Fletcher at \$45,000.

The fire was discovered at about 2:30 a. m. by another regular patron, Harry Carpenter, 70, who was awakened by smoke. He could not find his glasses in the smoke-filled building, but managed to make his way downstairs and woke the co-operators, Jack Griffith and Joe Taylor. All three got safely out of the building.

Fletcher said the blaze apparently started in the kitchen of the hotel. Firemen from this community and from Spruce Pine

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Andrews To Have Oldsmobile Open House Event

Andrews Chevrolet, Inc., has announced that it will hold an "Oldsmobile Open House" event Friday and Saturday of this week to celebrate its recent appointment as authorized dealer for the Oldsmobile line of automobiles.

Complete sales, service, and parts departments for Oldsmobile have been installed at the Andrews Chevrolet building on North Depot Street, said G. R. Andrews, president of the firm, who invites the public to come in Friday and Saturday and inspect the 1958 Oldsmobiles which will be on display.

Sees College Enrollment Doubling In Few Years

Dr. Plemmons Gives Plans At Appalachian

Appalachian State Teachers College is instituting a program to encourage Watauga County high school graduates to attend ASTC for two years whether or not they intend to enter the teaching profession.

After the second year a student can transfer to any other school with full two-year credits. It is believed that the plan will work to the economic advantage of local residents.

The program was revealed by Dr. W. H. Plemmons, president of ASTC, who addressed the Boone Lions Club at its regular meeting Tuesday night, March 18.

With some 300 persons employed and the largest annual payroll in the county at approximately \$1 million, ASTC is big business, Dr. Plemmons said. He added that between 80 and 90 per cent of those employed at the college are residents and taxpayers of Watauga County.

Percentage-wise, he said, Watauga ranks among the upper group of counties with residents holding college degrees, and is one of the few counties offering education which extends from nursery school through one year beyond the

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Top Coaches To Be At Valle Crucis Cage Camp School

Two of the nation's top basketball coaches will direct activities at the Valle Crucis Camp for the two-week grand opening of Broadstone Basketball Camp for boys. Fred Schaus, who coached West Virginia to the no. 1 spot among the nation's cage elite this season, will head the staff for the first week, June 8-14. Wake Forest coach Bones McKinney, once a pro great, will handle the job the last week, June 15-21.

The camp, in the heart of the Blue Ridge mountains, is the only one for special basketball instruction in the mountains this summer. Personal instruction as well as team play will be stressed.

The school is designed for junior and senior high school boys. High school graduates are not eligible.

Schaus will be assisted by Bob Davis, seven-time all-NBA star with the pro Rochester Royals. McKinney will be assisted by Bill Sharman of the Boston Celtics.

Former Boone Pastor Is Holy Week Speaker



REV. PAUL W. TOWNSEND

The Reverend Paul W. Townsend, Superintendent of the Salisbury District of the Methodist Church, will be guest preacher at the pre-Easter evangelistic service to be held at the Boone Methodist Church, beginning Sunday March 30th.

Mr. Townsend, a former pastor of the Boone Church and who served as a chaplain in the United States Navy, will begin by preach-

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SKID MARKS show some of the route taken by a car driven by James Dewey Byrd, Jr., of Wilkesboro as it headed for a fence near the Roby Greer home last week. According to Highway Patrolman Charles W. Mason, marks on the highway (421) and the road shoulders showed the car traveled approximately 490 feet from where Byrd apparently lost control and to where it stopped. Byrd was carried to Watauga Hospital where he was treated for a fractured hip.—Photo Palmer's Photo Shop.

Outdoor Drama To Open June 28, Directors State

Dr. Tucker Is To Speak Here Friday Night



DR. H. PARK TUCKER

Dr. H. Park Tucker, who will be the principal speaker at the Three Forks Baptist Associational Brotherhood Conference here at the First Baptist Church Friday night at 7:30, has distinguished himself in many fields and is widely sought as a speaker.

He has been a Chaplain for the Department of Justice, Bureau of Prisons, for twelve years. He has served as Chaplain at the Federal Reformatory, Chillicothe, Ohio, Federal Correctional Institute, Ashland, Ky., and for the past ten years has served in that capacity at the Federal Penitentiary, Atlanta, Ga.

For many years Dr. Tucker flew to his engagements about the country in his own plane, but

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Horn in the West will definitely open its seventh consecutive season June 28th in the Daniel Boone Theatre, it was decided last Thursday by the directors of the producing organization, Southern Appalachian Historical Association.

The unanimous decision came following an announcement by James P. Marsh, executive vice-president, that a sufficient number of individually-signed \$300 notes had either been received or promised to enable the association to borrow the necessary funds to open the outdoor drama.

It had been previously announced that a minimum of \$15,000 would be required to finance the opening of the play.

At a meeting held Tuesday, March 25, a budget submitted by the budget committee was adopted with only minor revisions, and plans shifted into high gear once more.

Marsh said an attempt will be made to operate on as conservative a budget as possible consistent with putting on a good show, and added volunteers will be pressed into service to handle concessions, etc.

In other action, the general spring meeting of the association was tentatively set for May 12, with the location to be decided later.

The directors also voted to send Bill Ross and Charles Elledge, recently-appointed director and assistant director, to the Southeastern Theatrical Conference, to be held at Chapel Hill March 27, 28, and 29, where they will interview acting talent for key roles in the 1958 production of the Boone drama.

Blue mold has been a threat to tobacco plantbeds every year since 1932.

Gershefski, Noted Pianist, To Appear Here



EDWIN GERSHEFSKI

Edwin Gershefski, nationally known pianist-composer and dean of the school of music of Converse College, will appear on Appalachian State Teachers College's public programs series on March 31 at 8 p. m., in the auditorium of the Fine Arts Building.

Mr. Gershefski will present a program of humor on the keyboard to the freshman assembly in the College Auditorium on Monday morning and a similar program to senior assembly on Tuesday morning.

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Six Million To Be Spent On Blue Ridge Parkway

Roanoke, Va.—The National Park Service has ordered spending of an additional six million dollars for the Blue Ridge Parkway construction as part of the federal anti-recession program this fiscal year.

Park Service Director Conrad L. Wirth announced the move this week. It doubles the original amount scheduled for construction before June 30.

One-third of the new money goes to Virginia, while the rest is spent in North Carolina on the "Mission 66" development program.

The six million includes \$1,385,000 for eight bridges on a parkway strip being constructed from U. S. 220 to Adney Gap in the Roanoke area. Recommendations for other spending are under preparation.

Sunrise Service To Be Held At The Rock

A community-wide Sunrise service will be held at the Blowing Rock Easter morning.

Music will be supplied by a combined choir from all participating churches under the direction of Mr. Fred Poplin.

The Rev. G. Carlton Cox, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Blowing Rock, will bring the Easter message. Scripture readings and prayer will be by other Christian leaders of the community.

Sunrise from the Rock is particularly beautiful and sponsors of the service state it will be a rare spiritual experience to share in this event.

Following the Service an Easter breakfast will be given for all members of the Presbyterian Sunday School and church at the Manse. This breakfast will be prepared by members of the Men's Organized Bible Class.

The usual Holy Week services will be held in the Presbyterian Chapel during the week preceding Easter at 7:30 p. m. each evening. The services will be of the discussion, or question and answer type, centering about the two themes: Why I should be a Christian? and why I should be a member of the church?

An invitation is extended to all these services.