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BOONE WEATHER					
1958	High	Low	5 pm	7 pm	1957-58
April 8	50	29	48	36	61 49
April 9	59	32	50	38	55 23
April 10	51	34	39	15	55 23
April 11	46	36	36	26	60 24
April 12	50	34	40	33	63 24
April 13	53	35	33	33	65 25
April 14	65	32	53	46	65 25
Total precipitation for 7 days—38 inch.					

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TWELVE PAGES—TWO SECTIONS

New Bank Building Planned

The Northwestern Bank is mapping plans for the construction of a modern new banking building in the downtown business section, says A. T. Adams, cashier of the Boone branch, who expects the building to be constructed during 1959.

The David Greene property, which includes the building where the Chamber of Commerce is located, has been bought from W. R. Winkler for the new project.

The lot fronts 50 feet on King Street and extends a distance of 240 feet to Howard Street in the rear.

While details of the new structure haven't been worked out, Mr. Adams states that the building will be completely modern and will enable the bank to handle its increasing business with more convenience to its customers. Drive-in windows and other helpful features will be included in the plans.

The Northwestern Bank and its predecessor, the Watauga County Bank, have occupied the building at the corner of King and Depot since 1922, and the institution has outgrown these quarters.

Burkett Is Court Clerk Candidate

Mr. W. L. Burkett, rest home operator of New River township, has filed his candidacy for the Republican nomination for Clerk of Superior Court, and so far is the only candidate for this post in the May Republican county primary.

Mr. Joe Miller has filed for re-nomination as county surveyor on the Republican ticket.

The deadline for filing in the Republican primary is next Friday.

Democrats will nominate their candidates in convention.

F. D. McEwan Funeral Held

Frederick Davis McEwan, 63, for many years a summer resident of Sugar Grove, died recently at his home in Vero Beach, Fla. Born in Caseville, Mich., he went to Vero Beach 45 years ago from Kansas City, Kan. He was a retired citrus grower.

Survivors include two daughters, Mrs. Florence Hilliard of Vero Beach and Mrs. Martha Alderman of Winter Beach; a son, Herschel, of Vero Beach, a sister of Kansas City, and five grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

During his summers in Watauga, Mr. McEwan talked of the virtues of Florida and Vero Beach, and it was through his interst that many persons from Watauga have built winter homes there.

Mr. McEwan was a member of the Winter Beach Baptist Church, and was buried in Crestlawn Cemetery in Indian River County.

Soviet defers announcement on nuclear tests.

Troutmans Complete 20 Year Ministry Here

On May 4 Mr. and Mrs. Edwin F. Troutman will complete their twentieth year of service to the Grace Lutheran Church in Boone, North Carolina. A special service will be held in honor of the pastor and his wife who have become one of the best loved couples in Boone.

Mr. and Mrs. Troutman came to Boone in 1938 and have now given twenty years of continuous service during which time the church's membership has tripled. During the Troutmans' term of service and under their leadership and guidance, the church changed from a mission to a self-supporting church and just recently a new Education Building contain-



HERE is one of the formations that you will see when the Flying Fish present their annual water pageant April 16 through 19. The group is under the direction of Miss Janie Mathews. (Story Sec. Sect.)

Gay Spring Festival Will End At Colorful May Day Dance

Plans are complete for Appalachian State Teachers College's first annual spring festival, which will begin with a program of ballads and folk songs on the evening of May 1 and end with the annual May Day dance sponsored by the Men's "A" Club Saturday night, May 3.

Mr. Cratis Williams, Chairman of the Spring Festival Committee, has announced that the program for the three-day affair has been sent to the printer and that letters of invitation to a part or all of the festival activities have been mailed to 650 high school principals, music directors, physical education directors, senior and junior sponsors, and English teachers in a hundred high schools in the area served by Appalachian.

Dr. Roy Blanton has announced

that 3000 copies of a special bulletin emphasizing the spring festival have been mailed to alumni of the college.

Over 300 college students, high school members of folk-dance teams, directors, and sponsors will be active in what may be Appalachian's most ambitious undertaking in a big-time effort to coordinate the work of college and high school groups in a creative program of entertainment.

Mr. Williams has suggested that perhaps five or six thousand people will be on the campus to enjoy a part or all of the festival.

The festival program, which is bound together with a folk theme, will begin with a concert by Richard Dyer-Bennet in the Health and Physical Education Building on the evening of May 1.

On Friday evening a folk opera, "Down In The Valley," by Kurt Weill, will be offered in the Physical Education Building. The opera, starring Bob Gilley, Thad Moose, Florence Payne, and Larry Dove, is a rollicking adaptation of the mountain song "Birmingham Jail." Nearly a hundred Appalachian students are brought together from the College Chorus, the College Orchestra, the Modern Dance Club, and Playcrafters in the production of the opera. The cast will be dressed in costumes appropriate to the theme. The gigantic undertaking is being directed by Mrs. Virginia Linney, Mr. Nicholas Erneston, Mrs. Joy Kirehner, and Miss Mary Ruth Johnston.

At 9 o'clock Saturday morning Chi Lambda Chi will begin registering hundreds of high school students visiting the campus for the day. Tours of the campus will be conducted by Chi Lambda Chi throughout the morning. Special exhibits are being prepared by the Art Department, which will also show the paintings of Jerry Coble. (continued on page three)

Soil Conservation Achievements Noted

The summary of accomplishments under the 1957 Agricultural Conservation program which has been released by the county committee includes the following achievements, it was announced by the agency.

One thousand, three hundred and seventeen farmers participated in this program and carried out one or more of the approved conservation practices. This number is 54 percent of the 2,438 farms in the county. 94,971 acres, or 60 percent of farmland; 27,160 acres, or 76 percent of cropland and 24,761 acres, or 51 percent of non-crop pasture are included in this number of participating farms.

Net cost-share payment before adjustment amounted to \$54,734.35. This amount plus the total cost increase payment amounted to \$96,967.66.

Every farmer in the county who requested one or more conservation practices received an approval for cost-sharing.

The summary of practice data is as follows:

Permanent pasture or hay, 413 acres on 188 farms—\$9,283.

Vegetative cover in rotation, 1,

024 acres on 461 farms—\$22,191.

Liming farmland, 923 tons on 189 farms—\$5,725.

Tree planting, 32 acres on eight farms—\$384.

Open ditch drainage—7,199 linear feet on 24 farms—\$817.

Winter cover crops, 1,268 acres on 399 farms—\$2,566.

The farmers share of the cost of materials for these practices plus the labor involved in carrying them out will approximate a cost of \$200,000 expended on soil conservation practices in the county.

Winkler Heads Local Jaycees; Others Named

The Boone Junior Chamber of Commerce elected W. Ralph Winkler, Jr. as president for the ensuing year at its meeting April 7.

Other officers elected were Kenneth Schaeffer, vice-president; Frank Steele, Jr., vice-president; Lew Thiel, treasurer.



SPRING MAY IS HERE, BUT . . . Ann Costner, twenty-year-old junior from Robbinsville, was elected Miss April by the readers of THE APPALACHIAN. Ann is a Grammar Grade Education major. She will receive a month's pass to the Appalachian Theatre and a meal ticket from Kirk's Restaurant.

Area School Boards To Meet At Blowing Rock

County Board Of Elections Has Meeting

The Watauga County Board of Elections met Saturday and organized by naming R. T. Greer, chairman, and Dayton Wineberger, secretary. S. C. Eggers, Jr., is the Republican member of the board.

Mr. Greer was appointed by the State Board of Elections to fill the unexpired term of W. R. Cottrell, resigned.

The Board will meet next Friday to name the Registrars and Judges of Election in the different precincts of Watauga county.

Dillon Wilson Winner Of Trip To New York, UN

Dillon Wilson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Wilson, is the winner over representatives from four other high schools in the annual speech contest sponsored by the "American Freedom Association" on the subject "United Nations in Search for World Peace."

Wilson left Monday to join two bus loads of North Carolina students in Greensboro. They will have a week's tour of New York and Washington. Highlights of the trip will be attendance of sessions of the United Nations, luncheon in the U. N. delegates dining room, tickets to the Broadway Theatre Production "My Fair Lady" and a tour of Washington, D. C.

He will be accompanied by Mr. Bill Blackburn, sponsor of the Debating Club.

Scrap Paper Drive Is Set By Boy Scouts

Steve Gabriel, scoutmaster of Troop 100, announced this week that the scrap paper drive, which had been scheduled two times but postponed because of inclement weather, has been set for Saturday morning, beginning at 8:30 o'clock.

If help is needed in bundling the paper, a call to Mr. Gabriel or Billy Bingham will be appreciated, and scouts will be sent to do this work, Mr. Gabriel said.

Newspapers and magazines and any other scrap paper, tied in bundles, will be picked up, and the proceeds from the sale of this paper will be used to carry out projects of the local troop.

Andrews Acts As Spokesman Auto Dealers

G. R. Andrews of Andrews Chevrolet, Inc., has just returned from Charlotte where he acted as spokesman for fellow dealers of his zone at a meeting of the Chevrolet Dealer Planning Committee.

Mr. Andrews was elected to the committee by Chevrolet dealers of his district under a nationwide program which the country's leading automobile and truck producer pioneered in the industry in 1957. The system operates as a medium for dealer representatives and company executives to discuss industry developments, retail sales conditions and other mutual business.

The Chevrolet National Dealer Planning Committee is organized at district, zone, regional and national levels. Dealers in each of the nearly 500 Chevrolet districts in the United States elect from their group a committeeman to represent them at the zone level. Each of the 47 zone committees thus formed elect a regional representative from their midst. Each of these 10 regional committees then select one of their members to serve on the national committee, which meets with company executives in Detroit. Zone, regional and national meetings and elections are held twice a year.



CANNED MOONSHINE.—Police Officer Max Fox is shown examining a case of illicit whiskey seized here Friday night. The six gallons of "sugar head" was in the trunk of a car occupied by Bobby Osborne, Elmer Wallace and Leonard Triplett, who, Chief of Police G. D. Richardson said, were residents of the Shouns-Mountain City, Tenn., area. Officer Fox placed the men under arrest, they were given a hearing, and released under bonds of \$300 each by Mayor Gordon H. Winkler, and are to appear at Superior Court next week to answer charges of transporting non-tax paid liquor, Chief Richardson said. Officer Fox stopped the men to question them about the loud muffler on their car.—Photo Palmer's Photo Shop.

Miss Ann Reid Is Fatally Injured

Blowing Rock—Miss Myra Ann Reid, 18, of Blowing Rock RFD 1, died Thursday of last week about 11:45 a. m. at a hospital here of injuries she suffered Monday afternoon in an auto accident on the Blue Ridge Parkway near here, a parkway ranger said Friday.

Miss Reid who was a former Blowing Rock High School basketball star was in her freshman year at the Woman's College of the University of North Carolina at Greensboro. She was home for the Easter holidays at the time the accident occurred.

Parkway Ranger Robert White reported Miss Reid was thrown out after the car in which she was riding left the parkway about a half mile north of the intersection with U. S. 321 and plunged down the 60 to 70-foot rock fill.

The officer said the driver, Airman 3-c George M. Chester, 22, of Lenoir was admitted to Blowing Rock Hospital here and later transferred to the Fort Bragg, N. C., hospital by helicopter. He suffered a neck injury in the accident but returned here for Miss Reid's funeral.

The ranger said the car left the pavement on the right side, and when the driver apparently cut sharply to get back on the highway, it swerved completely across the road and went off the left side, going down the embankment.

He said the investigation was continuing and no charge had filed.

Miss Reid was making her home with her grandmother on Blowing Rock RFD 1 while attending college.

Survivors in addition to the grandmother include her mother, Mrs. Georgia Motes, and her stepfather, of Miami, Fla.; a brother, Billy Reid, and a sister, Barbara Reid, also of Miami.

Her father, Carter Reid, died several years ago.

Services were held at 2:30 p. m. Saturday at Ruple Memorial Presbyterian Church here.

Burial was in the Reformed Church cemetery here.

Clean-up Campaign Will Start April 28th

Mayor Gordon H. Winkler has announced tentative dates for the annual clean-up, paint-up, fix-up campaign in Boone as Monday, April 28 through Saturday, May 10.

The intensified two-week drive for city cleanliness will be sponsored this year by the Junior Chamber of Commerce, said President James Winkler, Jr., who has appointed W. R. Winkler, Jr., to spearhead the campaign. The Jaycees will work closely with a Chamber of Commerce committee headed by Richard Morhauser, and the cooperation of all other civic clubs, as well as property owners and all other individuals, is urged.

Mayor Winkler has announced that town trucks will be available at all times to pick up trash and debris and assist the cleanup effort in any way possible. He calls for the full cooperation of all citizens "to get our city clean and neat looking."

The Jaycees will conduct a city-wide survey of homes, places of business, vacant lots, alleyways, and back lots, and make suggestions to owners or residents for painting and sprucing up their premises wherever the need is indicated.

Additional plans for the campaign will be announced in the Democrat next week.

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Netmen Take Four Straight

The Appalachian netmen won their fourth straight victory in as many starts Monday when they downed High Point College 5-2. The unbeaten Mountaineers have now swept matches with Elon, Atlantic Christian, East Tennessee State, and High Point.

The leading role in the victory over High Point went to Al Widenehouse, number two man on the net squad. Widenehouse won his singles match over High Point's Ray Wicker in a long three-set match, then teamed with Bill Mills to win a victory in the number one doubles match.

The Mountaineer golf team played at Lenoir Rhyne Tuesday, and open their home schedule against Elon on Thursday.

Six-County Group Will Have Banquet

"Know Your Schools" will be the general theme of the annual meeting of District 15, North Carolina School Boards Association, when it convenes in Blowing Rock April 25, for a meeting and banquet.

Attending will be board of education members, local school committee members and school administrators from administrative units in Avery, Burke, Caldwell, Watauga counties, and Lenoir, Morganton, and Glen Alpine.

The feature address at the banquet will be made by Claude Farrell, NCEA director of lay relations. He will be introduced by Dr. D. J. Whitener, member of the Watauga County school board and dean of Appalachian State Teachers College.

"The entire program has been designed to give school committee members and board of education members vital information which will be of value to them in the operation of their schools," W. Guy Angell, superintendent of Watauga County Schools, said in announcing the meeting.

The meeting, to be held at the Blowing Rock High School, begins with registration at 3:00 o'clock p. m., and ends with a banquet in the Blowing Rock School cafeteria from 6:10 to 8:00 o'clock.

Dr. Charles Davant, Jr., member of the Watauga County School Board, will preside over the afternoon session. Entertainment will be provided by the Appalachian High School band under direction of J. Perry Watson.

Dr. Walter Keys, chairman of the Blowing Rock school committee, will deliver the "kick-off" address.

An overview of the "Know Your Schools" theme will be presented by Mr. Angell. In keeping with the general theme, a panel discussion will be presented at 4:00 o'clock, entitled "What Information Do School Board Members Want and Need to Know About the Operation of Our Schools To Improve Their Efficiency as Board Members?" Dr. Davant will act as moderator.

The topics and participants of the panel will be:

"Understanding Our Curriculum": Dr. Ben Horton, Dr. A. B. Crew, and Dr. Bill Fulmer.

"Information About School Employees": Dwight Isenhour, James A. Greene, and John Marsh.

"Educational Outcome of Our Students": Dr. H. T. Connor, V. M. McNeely, and Harry L. Haliburton.

"The Use of Public Relations Techniques": Walter J. Spainhour, Henry C. McFadyen, and J. V. Mills.

"A Look at Local and State School Finance": Melvin Taylor, W. K. Anderson, and James C. Beasley.

After the presentation of the panel topics, the entire group will meet in groups of 25 in "buzz" sessions for the purpose of discussing each sub-topic in detail.

The banquet will be presided over by Dr. Davant, James A. Greene will give the invocation. (Continued on page three)

Final Filing Date ASC Is Set

The final date for filing applications for incentive payments under the 1957 wool and lamb program is April 30, according to Vaughn Tugman, county ASC chairman.

The records of the ASC office show that 294 producers filed for wool payments in 1956 and 287 producers filed in 1955. 195 lamb producers filed applications in 1956 compared with 159 producers filing applications in 1955.

From this summarization it appears that a number of sheep producers have so far failed to file their applications.

The incentive payments will be made as soon as the rates are announced and authorization is received.