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BOONE WEATHER			
1958	High	Low	6 am precip.
April 22	57	33	.11
April 23	73	49	1.42
April 24	70	52	.71
April 25	71	52	1.90
April 26	62	48	.51
April 27	55	46	.14
April 28	65	47	.46
Total rainfall—3.22 inches.			

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## Rominger Man Dies In Crash

A 20-year-old Ferguson man, who reportedly admitted having had "a bottle of beer," has been charged with manslaughter in the Saturday night highway death of Bobby Lee Hicks, 19, of Rominger, Route 2, State Patrol Corporal C. M. Jones reported.

Jimmy Lee Cox of Ferguson was charged after his car was demolished in an accident on Highway 90, two miles east of Lenoir at about 9 p. m., stated the patrolman.

Corporal Jones said the wreck occurred when the car rounded a curve on the left side, hit the left shoulder, traveled some distance, returned to the hard surface and overturned five or six times. Both the driver and his front seat passenger were thrown clear of the wreckage, with Hicks' body being found approximately 60 feet from the car.

Cox was admitted to Caldwell Memorial Hospital. His physician said Monday he was in good condition and apparently was not injured seriously. Corporal Jones, who quoted Cox as saying he had had "a bottle of beer," also said there was "bound to have been" excessive speed at the time of the accident.

Bobby Lee Hicks is survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Hicks; six brothers, John Hicks of Siler City, Charlie Hicks of Chapel Hill, Sylvester, Willis, Jerry, and Arvill Hicks, all of the home; four sisters, Mrs. C. Campbell of Hickory, Mrs. Julia Campbell of Bear Creek, Nancy and Mary Hicks of the home.

Funeral services were conducted at 10 a. m. Tuesday, April 29, at the Liberty Methodist Church with the Rev. Lawrence Hagaman in charge, and burial was in the Matney cemetery.

## Benjamin Isaacs Taken By Death

Newland — Benjamin Harrison Isaacs, 66, died Friday morning in a Morganton hospital. Funeral services were held at 2 p. m. Sunday at Newland Presbyterian Church.

Survivors include his wife; two sons, Mack Isaacs of the home and Morris Isaacs of Newland; two brothers, Charles Isaacs of Newton, W. Va., and Don Isaacs of Lenoir; three sisters, Mrs. Pink Hodges of Boone, Mrs. Mary Miller of San Diego, Calif., and Mrs. Bessie Underhill of Charlotte.

## Pritchett Gets NCEA Position

John Pritchett, director of the audio visual center at Appalachian State Teachers College, has been appointed to the public relations committee of the North Carolina Education Association. He is to serve for a three-year term.

Mr. Pritchett was appointed to this position by the board of directors of the North Carolina Education Association.

## Last Rites For Hobert J. South

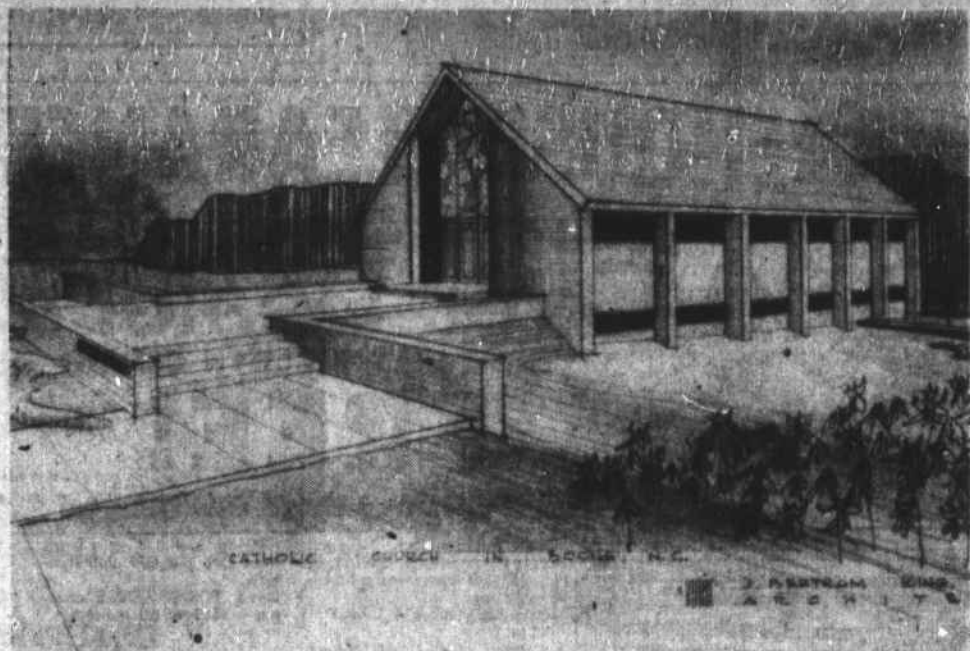
Hobert John South, 62, died at his home on Route 1, Zionville, on Friday, April 25.

Funeral services were held at 2:30 p. m. Sunday, April 27, at the Zionville Baptist Church, conducted by the Rev. R. C. Eggers and the Rev. Grady Minton, and burial was in the church cemetery.

Surviving are the widow, ten sons, and four daughters: Charlie South, Phoebus, S. C., Clayton South, Lemita, Cal., Rev. Bruce South, Mountain City, Tenn., Burl South, Toughkenamon, Pa., Tommy South, Sandusky, Ohio, Kermit South, Drexel, N. C., Billy, Joe, Jack, and Earl South, all of the home; Mrs. Lovell Fisher, Sandusky, Ohio, Mrs. Ivan Carr, Myrtle Beach, S. C., Mrs. George Hagaman and Mrs. Bud Greene, both of Lenoir.

Mrs. R. B. Porter has returned to teaching position in Cherryville after being a patient at Gaston Memorial Hospital in Gastonia. Mrs. Porter was injured in a fall three weeks ago.

## Work Started On Catholic Church



ARCHITECT'S DRAWING OF BOONE CATHOLIC CHURCH

Perry Greene, local builder, has been awarded the contract for the construction of the Catholic Church building, ground for which has been broken on the site at Faculty Street, and Highland Park.

The building, according to Reverend Joseph Kerin, assistant priest, will be a combination of brick and stucco, will seat 120 people, and will contain a full basement. It will front on Faculty

Street, and is expected to be ready for occupancy by fall.

Catholic activity in the community dates back to 1952 when Father Ildelfonso from Lenoir first came to Boone. The first Catholic family to establish residence here was in 1947. There are now 56 Catholics and masses have been held in the American Legion hut for 5 years.

Boone was transferred to North Wilkesboro in 1952, and Rev.

Walter J. Sullivan is pastor. Assistant priests who have taken care of the work in Boone since that time have been Reverends William Wellein, Thomas Walsh, William Pearson, Joseph Buman, Joseph Hart, Charles Mulholland and Joseph Kerin.

A Catholic church was erected at Blowing Rock in 1948. The work there is largely seasonal.

## Registrars, Election Judges Are Named For Primary Duty



The Watauga County Board of Elections met Thursday and named the Registrars and Judges of Election for the primary which is to be held May 31.

At the same time it was announced that the registration books will be opened next Saturday for new registrants and will remain open through Saturday May 17. Saturday May 24 will be observed as challenge day.

Since there is no Democratic contest to be voted on locally, the State primary will be confined to the nomination of a Republican county ticket, Chairman Roby T. Greer said.

**Election Officials**  
Following are the names of the precinct election officials. The first named in each case is the Registrar, a Democrat, the second, the Democratic judge and the third the Republican judge:  
Bald Mountain—J. B. Ragan, Glenn Howell, Leslie Norris.  
Beaver Dam—Claude Wilson, Lynn Norris, John Winkler.  
Blowing Rock—Dan Klutz, Rudolph Greene, Roy Holder.  
Blue Ridge—Mrs. R. C. Greene, M. O. Coffey, George Keller.  
Boone—Howard Cottrell, Bernard Dougherty, B. H. Watson.  
Brushy Fork—M. J. Williams, A. Y. Howell, Ralph Wilson.  
Cove Creek—Claird Wilson, Dana Greene, Otto Thomas.  
Elk—Mrs. Inez Todd, W. W. Reynolds, B. C. Cox.  
Laurel Creek—Custar Ward, Ron Norris, Will Rominger.  
Meat Camp No. 1—Worth Winebarger, Willard Norris, J. C. Stanberry, Jr.  
Meat Camp No. 2—Forrest Moretz, Stacey Tester, Wade Moretz.  
New River—Grady Greer, J. B. Clawson, Jr., Perry Greene.  
North Fork—W. C. South, Will (Continued on page six)

**STUDENTS IN FLORIDA**—At the regional convention of Beta Beta Beta, national biology honor society, held recently at Florida State University in Tallahassee, five of the sixteen papers delivered were given by Appalachian State Teachers College students. Carolyn Hutchins (left) of Granite Quarry was elected secretary, and William F. Snyder (right) of Route 2, Winston-Salem, was elected president. Both are students at Appalachian. The regional Tri Beta, covering nine states, will hold its convention next year on the Appalachian campus.

## Charlie Carroll Is Injured In Accident

### Mrs. Jones, 84, Dies At Vilas

Mrs. Liddie Creed Jones, 84, died Wednesday, April 23, at her home at Vilas.

Funeral services were conducted at 2 p. m., Saturday, April 26, at the Willow Dale Baptist Church by the Rev. Tom Bunting and the Rev. E. O. Gore, and burial was in the Beaver Dam Cemetery.

She is survived by three sons, Jim Jones of Wilmington Del., Lee Jones of Tikersville, Ky., and Will Jones of Vilas; two daughters, Mrs. Cora Mitchell and Miss Bertie Jones, both of Lenoir; a brother, George Creed of Bristol, Va.; three sisters, Mrs. Susie Blevins and Mrs. Callie Proffitt, both of Chilhowie, Va., and Mrs. Martha Eastridge of Mountain City, Tenn.

Four fly to Russia to ask ban on nuclear tests.

Charlie Carroll, 50 years old, of Boone, was hospitalized Saturday night, with a fractured leg and lacerations about the head and arms after the car in which he was riding ran off the highway and collided with a large tree.

Also injured was Payge Miller, 22, of Route 2, Boone, who received first aid at the hospital for a cracked shoulder and facial lacerations. He was released after being treated. He was listed as the driver of the 1951 Chevrolet by Patrolman George E. Baker, who investigated the accident. The mishap occurred about 10:15 p. m. about two-tenths of a mile from highway 421 on the Bamboo road, as the vehicle was headed in the direction of Bamboo.

No reason was cited for the accident, and Patrolman Baker said no charges had been filed against the driver.

Also passengers in the car, which belonged to Edna Winkler Holloway, Route 3, Boone, were Rex Vannoy of Boone, and Joe Greer of Triplett. Neither of them was injured.

## City, Civic Groups Join In Annual Cleanup Effort

### Two Weeks Promotion Under Way

The annual Clean-up, Paint-up, Fix-up Campaign got underway in Boone Monday and will continue this week and next week.

The Junior Chamber of Commerce, prime sponsor of the project this year, together with the Chamber of Commerce, the Blue Ridge Garden Club, the Worth-while Woman's Club, and other groups join with Mayor Gordon H. Winkler in calling upon business organizations, property owners, and all other residents to cooperate to the fullest in making the drive a success.

Many merchants and others are backing the effort publicity-wise with advertisements in this issue boosting the cleanup campaign.

Mayor Winkler has announced that town trucks will be available on Tuesdays and Fridays only to pick up trash and debris collected at residences. He asks that as much of the trash as possible be put in boxes or other containers and placed at streetside on those two days this week and next. He added that all trash will be picked up in whatever form as long as it is conveniently placed for the trucks.

The Jaycee cleanup committee, headed by W. Ralph Winkler, Jr., has volunteered to clean off several conspicuous vacant lots and space them up so the ladies can plant flowers and shrubs and transform the lots into beauty spots instead of "eyesores."

This committee is also making a survey of residential areas and will suggest ways for homeowners to improve the appearance of their premises.

The Jaycees are asking merchants to clean up the back lots and alleyways behind store buildings and provide adequate garbage containers so these areas can be kept neat and free of debris. A local businessman put it this way: "If everyone will do his part, we can make Boone a clean, attractive place to live, and a town visitors will want to come back to. Let's all pitch in and do the job right—get it clean and then keep it clean."

### Noblitt Heads N. S. Press Group

Salisbury—At the spring session of the North State Conference Press Association, held at Catawba College on April 26, Bill Noblitt, editor of the Appalachian, A. S. T. C., was elected conference president. Joe Moretz of Lenoir Rhyne is the new vice-president.

The Lenoir Rhynean, the newspaper of Lenoir Rhyne College of Hickory, received the first annual award for the best newspaper in the North State Conference.

In a close contest for the conference trophy, Appalachian and Catawba emerged in second and third places. Atlantic Christian and Western Carolina tied for fourth with High Point and Elon in the remaining positions.

## College Concert Band Goes To Lees-McRae

The College Concert Band will give a concert on the campus of Lees-McRae College next Tuesday evening, May 6 at 8:00 p. m. The band plans to stop over on the way to Banner Elk to play for the students at Sugar Grove in the afternoon. Featured on the concert will be Miss Judy Nixon, playing the first movement of Mendelssohn's "Piano Concerto in G Minor," Mr. James Stokes, playing "Adagio-Tarantella" for clarinet and band, and a trumpet trio; Robert Taylor, Camilla Graeber and Eddy Harrington.

Included on the program will also be a new band number, "Smoky Mountain Suite," which

will be of special interest to people from this area. The themes for this suite are taken from the folk ballads of this part of the country and are done up especially well for the band medium.

Other activities of the band include a concert this next Saturday afternoon starting at 1:00 p. m. in connection with the annual May Day Festival. This will take place in the Men's Gym. Several of the latest band compositions will be included as well as old favorites.

The band's annual Spring Concert will be held the following week on Thursday, May 15 in the Fine Arts Building at 8:00 p. m.



MAY DAY BEAUTIES.—Part of the May Court pose for picture on College campus. They are, left to right, Carolyn Wall, May Queen, Rebecca Bingham, Joyce Ollis, Joan Foy, Barbara Winkler, Mary Alice Patten, Jeanne Fleming, Margaret Chui, Ann Costner and Janice Smoot.

## Dyer-Bennet Program To Open Gay Spring Festival

### Mrs. H. L. Smart Dies On Friday; Funeral Sunday

Mrs. Harriet L. Smart, 86, died Friday at her home here, following a long illness.

Funeral services were conducted Sunday afternoon at the Methodist Church by the Pastor Rev. E. H. Lowman, who was assisted in the rites by Rev. E. F. Troutman, Lutheran Church pastor.

A second service was held Tuesday at 2:15 at Prentice Funeral Chapel in Berwick, Maine by the Methodist minister there, and burial was in Evergreen cemetery in Berwick.

It was asked that in lieu of floral tributes, expressions be directed to the new education building of Boone Methodist Church, where Mrs. Smart was a member.

Survivors are two sons and a daughter: Herbert W. Smart, Jackson Heights, N. Y.; Irvin O. Smart, Oxford, Mass.; Miss Elizabeth Lord, Boone. There is one grandson, Charles A. Smart of Oxford, Mass.

Mrs. Smart, the former Miss Harriet May Osgood was a native of Kennebunkport, Maine, a daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Reuben D. Osgood. She was married June 29, 1897 to Herbert Lord, M. D., and they resided in Lynn, Mass. and Baltimore, Md. He died in Somersworth, N. H. in 1898. In 1904 she was married to Capt. Andrew W. Smart of South Portland, Maine, who died in 1909. In 1948 she joined her daughter, who was teaching weaving at Berea, Ky. and learned to weave at 76. She had been a resident of Boone since 1946 and became a demonstration and production weaver at Watauga Handicrafts Center under her daughter's guidance.

### Hereford Sale Set For Oct. 11

The Watauga Hereford Breeders Association has set the date of their 1958 purebred sale for Saturday, October 11, at same location as last year. They will sell not more than sixty lots total. The cattle will all be young; no bulls over two years old and heifer calves, bred heifers, or first calf heifers with calf by side.

The nominations should be in as soon as possible. All cattle nominated will be catalogued as in the last two sales, with the judge selecting the animals to be sold. A Hereford heifer calf will be given to the person holding the lucky ticket at the sale.

Plans are complete for the first three-day Spring Festival ever to be held at Appalachian State Teachers College, beginning tonight, when Richard Dyer-Bennet, internationally known folklorist, will present a program with a folk theme, and continuing through Saturday when the annual May Day program will be held in the Physical Education Building. The Dyer-Bennet program starts at 8 o'clock.

The festival will include a variety of activities, including a folk opera Friday, tours of the campus, the May Day program, football game, swimming party, and exhibits in the various buildings on campus.

Cratis Williams, chairman of the festival committee, said high school students, teachers, principals and others from all schools in this area have been issued invitations to attend, and several thousand of them are expected to attend the festival. Some will take an active part in the events. Also expected are alumni and other friends of the college.

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

The festival program is bound together with a folk theme, and nearly all events will help carry out this idea.

On Friday evening a folk opera, "Down in the Valley," by Kurt Weill, will be presented at the same building. The opera stars Bob Gilley, Thad Moore, Florence Payne, and Larry Dove in an adaptation of the mountain song, "Birmingham Jail." Directors of the opera are Mrs. Virginia Linney, Nicholas Erneston, Mrs. Joy Kirch-

er, and Miss Mary Ruth Johnston.

The Chi Lambda Chi, campus organization, will begin registering hundreds of high school students visiting the campus for the day at 9:00 o'clock Saturday morning. Tours of the campus will be conducted by the organization throughout the morning.

Special exhibits were prepared by the Art Department of the college. Included will be a showing of paintings by Jerry Coble, an Appalachian graduate. Other exhibits were planned by the Music Department, the Home Economics Department; the Department of Health and Physical Education; the Science Department; the Mathematics Department; the Library; the Audio-Visual Center; the Department of Education; and the Department of Business Education.

A "splash" party in the college pool will be held for visitors at 10 o'clock Saturday morning. The Physical Education Department will supervise this phase of the festival.

Movies of special interest will be shown by the Audio-Visual Center in the College Auditorium.

Preceding the May Day program, the college band, under direction of William Spencer, will offer an informal band concert in the Physical Education Building.

The May Day program, named "Memories of the Mountains," will begin at 1:30 o'clock, and will proceed as follows:

The May Court, with Carolyn Wall as queen, will enter to watch the program.

Unveiling Ceremony will be by the Men's "A" Club.

"American Folk Rhapsody" by Clare E. Grundman, by the College Band.

English Country Dance: Green-sleeves, by the Celeste Henkel (Continued on page seven)

## Watauga Unit NCEA Banquet Is Planned

Roy Thompson, columnist-reporter with the Winston-Salem Journal, will be the speaker at the annual banquet of the Watauga unit of the North Carolina Education Association Friday night in the Valle Crucis school cafeteria. The program begins at 7:00 o'clock.

John Marsh, unit president, announced activities of the night will include a program honoring former Watauga teachers who have retired from the profession since 1955. Officers elected in March will be installed by Mrs. Dena Mae Edmisten, supervisor of county schools.

Guests of the NCEA will include the Watauga County Board of Education.

New officers are James Greene, principal at Valle Crucis, president; Carl Day, teacher at Boone Elementary, vice president; Mrs. Doris Vance Banner, Cove Creek high school, treasurer; and Mrs. Reba Moretz, Parkway, secretary.

Outgoing officers are Mr. Marsh, president; Mrs. Susie Buchanan, vice president; Mrs. Peggy Had-den, secretary; and Mrs. Beatrice Winkler, treasurer.