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BOONE WEATHER				
1958	High	Low	6 pm. prec.	1957-58
June 2	70	56	0.11	79
June 3	69	53	0.00	71
June 4	69	53	0.00	71
June 5	75	59	0.00	73
June 6	80	64	0.00	73
June 7	70	50	0.00	79
June 8	78	61	0.73	80
June 9	79	60	0.07	76

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## Parkway Is Given 6 Million

Washington—The National Park Service said Friday \$6,264,800 will be spent on the Blue Ridge Parkway in the year starting July 1, and \$1,171,600 on the Great Smoky Mountains National Park.

The parkway runs from the Shenandoah Park in Virginia to the Great Smoky Park Mountains in North Carolina and Tennessee. Park service officials said the only project eliminated from its program for the Great Smokies is a visitor center. This is to be delayed until a portion of the New Found Gap road at the intersection with the Blue Ridge Parkway is completed.

They also said that bids have been advertised for work on the road beyond the proposed visitor center. The estimated cost for this is \$76,000, but it is not included in the total for the next fiscal year because the contracts are expected to be let before July 1.

The Great Smokies program for buildings and utilities in both North Carolina and Tennessee totals \$618,900.

In North Carolina this will include the following projects:

Somkemont Campground—shelter, store, tenders' residence, three comfort stations, fireplaces, garbage cans and utilities, \$128,100.

Oconalufee—dismantle and re-erect pioneer farmstead, \$18,100.

Road construction for the Great Smokies will total \$592,700. In North Carolina it will include a part of the New Found Gap to Kephart Prong, to cost \$385,700; Smokemont Campground trails and parking area, \$134,000. In Tennessee road work will include Caves Cove camping area work to total \$33,000.

On the Blue Ridge Parkway the major road work will cost \$5,771,600, minor roads and trails \$175,100, and buildings and utilities will total \$317,900.

In North Carolina this will include 31 miles of repaving to cost \$660,000; grading with stone base for 11½ miles and a bridge between Beech Gap and Rocking Horse Gap to cost \$1,842,700; grading base tunnel between Rocking Horse Gap and Balsam Gap for 8.2 miles to cost \$1,365,600.

At Doughton Park in North Carolina \$11,600 will be spent on a parking area and visitor center; at Gillespie Gap roads and walks for employees' residence will cost \$5,800; at Linville roads and walks will total \$3,000; general parkway improvement in North Carolina will include construction of signs, \$73,000; elimination of access crossings, \$8,200; guard rails and walls \$27,900; curbing parking area, \$2,700, and erosion control and improvement \$28,500.

## Mechanic Gets Special Card

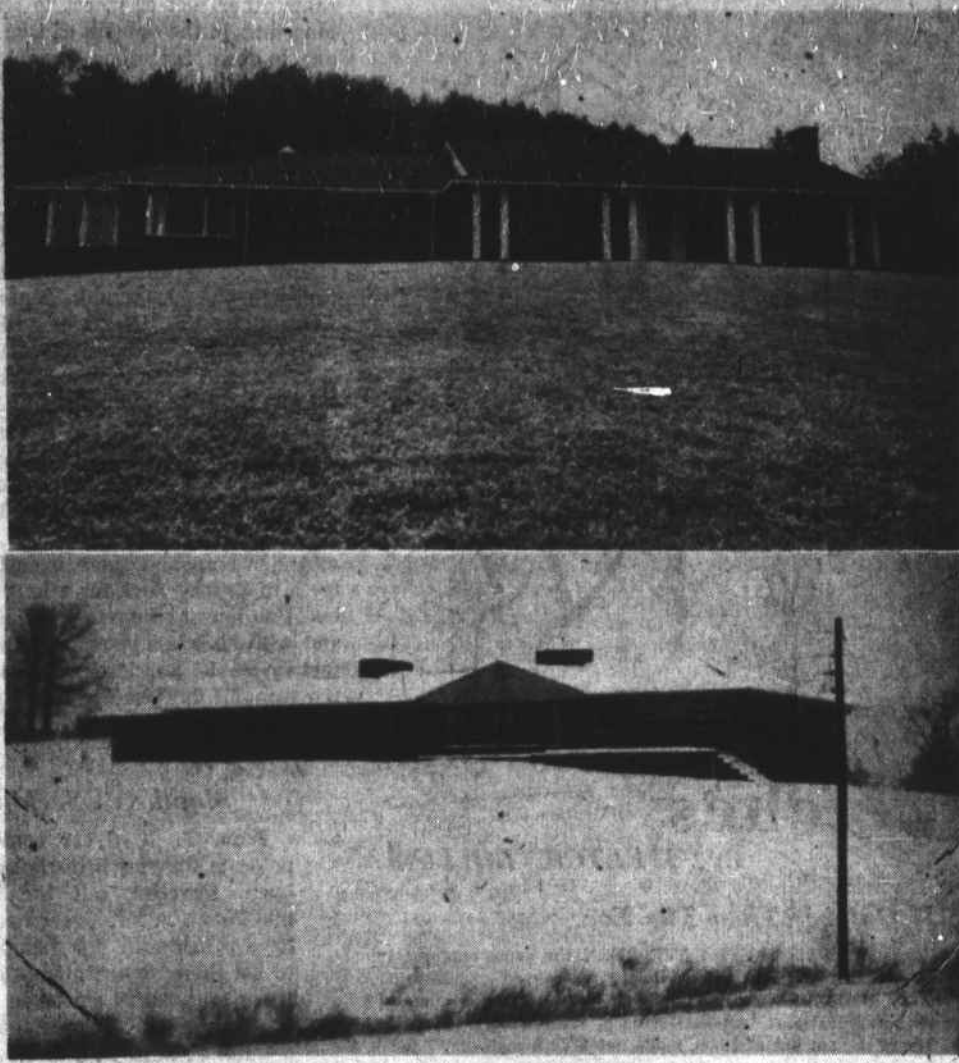
Mr. C. R. Wilcox, employee of Winkler Motor Co., has received a Registered Mechanic's Identification Card from the Lincoln-Mercury Division of the Ford Motor Company.

This card comes as a result of Mr. Wilcox having completed a special study course at Atlanta recently, and successfully passing the examination.

## High School Summer Program Starts Monday

The regular high school summer program begins June 16 at Appalachian High School, according to Dr. A. B. Crew, Principal. The high school summer session will operate nine weeks, ending August 15. One and one-half units of credit may be secured during this term. High school students who wish to enroll should be present at 8:30 a. m. in the high school auditorium in order to register for courses. Five school buses will operate in order for county students to attend.

The regular summer school at Appalachian Elementary School will begin June 23. Instruction will be offered in grades one through seven. The Valle Crucis Elementary school-camp program begins June



NEW BOONE HOMES FEATURED IN FLOWER SHOW.—The homes of Dr. and Mrs. W. H. Plemons (top photo) and Dr. and Mrs. L. H. Owsley will be the settings for horticultural displays in the annual Boone Flower Show to be held Thursday, June 19. The picture of the Owsleys' home was taken in the snow last winter.

## "June Journeys" To Be Theme For Boone's Gay Flower Show

Flower lovers of Boone and surrounding areas have a special treat in prospect for June 19, when the annual Boone Flower Show will be presented in an entirely new way.

The theme of the show is to be "June Journeys," and several of the arrangements of flowers will be suggestive of particular types of journeys. Each guest of the show will himself make a journey to four of Boone's lovely homes.

Beginning at the hilltop abode of President and Mrs. W. H. Plemons of Appalachian State Teachers College the travelers will enjoy displays planned for their own special spots in the various rooms. All designs will be in the wedding motif.

At the second stop guests will view the charming garden of Mrs. Mae Miller, on Howard Street. Mrs. Miller's flowers have won many blue ribbons at previous flower shows, and they will be doubly appreciated when seen in all their natural beauty in the hands of this master gardener.

The third stage of the journey will feature another hilltop home, that of Dr. and Mrs. Lawrence H. Owsley, where displays will harmonize with the casually elegant decor and will again remind the guests of the many delightful occasions for the journey in June. Ending the tour will be a visit at the garden of Mr. and Mrs. B. W. Stallings, where refreshments will be served.

Tickets at one dollar each may be purchased at the Plemons home at the beginning of the tour, or in advance at the Stallings Jew.

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LOCAL CHAMPIONS receive winged golden trophies at the State Jaycee Teen-Age Roadco from the North Carolina Motor Carriers Association, Inc., at the State-wide Teen-Age Jaycee event Saturday in New Bern. Shown (left to right) are: Jeff B. Wilson, North Carolina Motor Carriers Association's Director of Safety, Raleigh; Barry Ward Elledge of Hays, sponsored by the Winston-Salem Jaycees and Judy Younce of Vilas, sponsored by the Boone Jaycees.

## Sword Dancers Are Feature Folk Event

Neither clouds nor cold kept a group of children and adults from attending the second pre-season Boone Folk Festival which was held Saturday, June 7.

The Cove Creek Sword Dance Boys gave their new acts for this summer. Also present was Russell Matheson, who played fiddle tunes for "back dancing." A group of young and old participated in a "longways" folk game—"The Noble Duke of York."

A Cherokee blow gun contest was held. Preparations were started for a Cherokee "Beaver Dance"—an authentic Indian dance in which a fast moving "beaver" must be hit by a ring of dancers who try, one by one, to hit the animal. When they succeed, they drop out of the dance.

These Folk Arts Festivals will be held every Saturday until early September. Admission is free.

They are sponsored by The Southern Appalachian Historical Assn., the group which also sponsors Horns in the West.

## Lowman Is Sent Back To Boone Methodist Church

Rev. E. H. Lowman, for the past four years pastor of the Boone Methodist Church, has been reassigned to the local work for a fifth year by the Western North Carolina Conference in session at Lake Junaluska last week.

Rev. G. R. Stafford remains district superintendent of the North Wilkesboro district, and following are some of the other appointments which are of interest locally.

Dr. H. E. Spence was returned to the pastorate of the Blowing Rock Church.

Rev. Joe Bill Davis comes to the Boone Circuit.

Rev. W. W. Woodard is returned to Todd.

Rev. A. A. Wilson was named to the Watauga circuit. Conference ended its sessions Sunday with the reading of the appointments.

## Singing, Progress Day Discussed By C. Of C.

### Motelists To Have Series Guided Tours

The feature of the June meeting of the Boone Chamber of Commerce, held at noon Tuesday, was the showing of a film by Grandfather Mountain-owner Hugh Morton of last year's "Singing On The Mountain" event, which has been held each 4th Sunday in June for the past 34 years.

The date of this year's singing, which is attended annually by more than 40,000 persons, is Sunday, June 28.

In other matters taken up at the meeting, Hugh Hagan announced the progress of plans for a "Watauga County Progress Day," slated for August 20 and sponsored by the Boone and Blowing Rock Chambers of Commerce and the Rural Development committee.

The all-day affair will feature commercial and non-commercial exhibits in the city-owned warehouse at South Depot and College Streets, a parade, a prominent speaker, and a watermelon feast on the Horn in the West grounds, Mr. Hagan said. Everything will be free, including the watermelon, he added.

Harold Rice announced that the Grandfather Mountain Area Motel Association is planning a series of guided tours, beginning in July, to take visitors on all-day sight-seeing visits to points of interest in the entire area. An overnight trip to Gatlinburg, Tennessee, is also being planned, he said.

Mr. Rice also introduced Mr. Frank Sinclair of the North Carolina Department of Distributive Education, who discussed the Travel Host School being held at Boone and Blowing Rock June 9-13. Briefly, said Mr. Sinclair, the function of the school, sponsored by the Boone and Blowing Rock Chambers of Commerce and the Motel Association, is to teach people in business how to give better service to tourists and make their stay in the area more pleasant.

Wade E. Brown, president of Boone Developments, Inc., told the group that heavy grubbing and clearing is about completed on the new golf course site, and that the next phase will be the grading and seeding of fairways and greens.

### Mrs. Stark To Be A Judge In Beauty Pageant

Mrs. Gail Stark, "Miss Kansas" of 1955, will be one of the judges in the Miss Watauga County beauty pageant to be held on June 21, it was announced this week by the general chairman of the pageant, Dwight Icenhour and Ken Schafer. Mrs. Stark now lives at Linville Falls.

The Boone Junior Chamber of Commerce, sponsor of the pageant, also announced that Miss Carolyn Wall, 1958 ASTC May Queen, will be in charge of training contestants. Training periods for contestants will be held at 7:30 p. m., Tuesday, June 17, through Friday, June 20, at the Boone elementary school auditorium.

Crayte Teague will be in charge of lighting effects.

### Dr. Wey Barn Is Destroyed

A barn belonging to Dr. Herbert Wey and located near his home on Blowing Rock Road was completely destroyed by fire last Thursday night.

The fire was believed to have originated from electric wires, or from a brush fire some distance away.

Some stored furniture, camping equipment and the like was destroyed. Dr. Wey estimates the total loss to be around two thousand dollars.

Two horses stabled in the burning building were saved without injury.



ROADEO WINNERS RECEIVE AWARDS.—Louise Ward, representing Valle Crucis and Cove Creek, and Len Warren, representing Bethel, are presented \$100 scholarships each as winners in the girls' and boys' divisions of the seven-county District School Bus Drivers' Roadco held here May 24. Mr. Joe Ware, district driver education representative of the Department of Motor Vehicles, made the presentations at the regular meeting of the Boone Rotary Club, sponsor of the event, last Thursday night. Left to right are Jack Harrison, chief mechanic for Watauga County schools; Mr. Ware; Miss Ward; Mr. Warren; W. Guy Angell, Superintendent of Watauga County Schools; and Dr. Jack Lawrence, vice-president of the Rotary Club. The girls' scholarship is provided by Pilot Life Insurance Company of Greensboro, and the boys' by Perly A. Thomas Car Works of High Point.—Photo by Palmer's Photo Shop.

## Questions Asked, Answered On Bond Election For Civic Center

### Dr. Billings' Internship To Start July 1



DR. JACK S. BILLINGS

Dr. Jack Smith Billings, who received his medical degree at Bowman Gray School of Medicine recently, is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Ward Billings of Vilas.

A graduate of Cove Creek High School, he is a member of Willowdale Baptist Church.

In college he was a member of Beta Beta Beta, honorary biological fraternity; Alpha Epsilon Delta, national premedical honorary society; Gamma Sigma Epsilon, chemical fraternity. In medical school he was a member of Phi Chi Medical fraternity. He worked as extern in Johnson City Memorial Hospital for three months. He will intern July 1 at Baptist Hospital in Winston-Salem.

### Rites Held For Mrs. Phillips

Funeral services for Mrs. Ethel Mae Phillips, 68, of Greensboro, were held at the Reins Sturdivant chapel on June 6.

Mrs. Phillips died at the home of a daughter in Greensboro on June 4.

Funeral services were conducted by the Rev. Eugene Balding. Burial was in the Stansberry cemetery.

She is survived by one daughter, Mrs. Ruth Walker, of Greensboro and two grandchildren, Mrs. A. Y. Howell and Rita Mae Howell, both of Greensboro.

U. S. Steel seeks bids for Quebec ore project.

With reference to the proposed recreation park providing for a swimming pool, clubhouse, playground, and other facilities on the Horn in the West property on which Boone citizens are scheduled to vote for or against a \$150,000 municipal bond issue on July 15, the following questions and answers relative to the project have been prepared by Hugh Hagan, chairman of the publicity committee, in an effort to acquaint the public more fully with the advantages of the proposed facilities:

**When is the bond election to be held?**  
 July 15, 1958.

**Who can vote?**  
 Any Boone resident who is now registered.

**Who has to register?**  
 Only those persons who are not now registered.

Registration books will be open at the City Hall on Saturday, June 28th and Saturday, July 5th.

Any person who has moved to Boone from out of the county and has lived in Boone at least one month prior to July 15, 1958 will be eligible to register and vote. Any person who has moved into Boone from out of state at least 12 months prior to July 15, 1958 is eligible to register and vote.

**What will the people be voting on?**  
 A bond issue of \$150,000.00 to be used to construct a Community Center and Recreational Center and Community Swimming Pool.

**How much will this cost the average taxpayer of Boone?**  
 As all taxes, the total paid by each tax payer depends on how much his property is listed for. To find out how much it will cost you, figure that for each \$1,000.00 you are listed for on the tax books it would cost \$1.50 per year. Let's say your listing was \$4,000.00, then it would cost \$6.00 per year; \$6,000.00 would be \$9.00 per year; \$8,000.00 would be \$12.00 per year. The average taxpayer would pay less than \$1.00 per month.

**What purposes will the Civic Center section serve?**  
 It will serve as a meeting place for all civic functions, club meetings, conventions, etc. that wish to use the facilities.

**What recreational facilities are anticipated for the youth of Boone?**  
 It is anticipated that the lower floor of the Civic Center will have recreational facilities and equipment for an adequate and supervised recreational program in addition to the swimming pool.

**Will these proposed facilities have other than local recreational values?**  
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## Students Are Arriving For Summer Term

Registration for the first summer term of Appalachian State Teachers College started this (Wednesday) morning, and information from administrative sources expected the first day's enrollment to be well ahead of the 1219 registered a year ago.

The term enrollment which was 1400 a year ago, is expected by Dr. James Stone, summer school director, to reach 1,500 or 1,600.

Registration will continue until next Monday.

## Ernest Bolick Is Ordained In Lutheran Church

Ernest Bernard Bolick, Jr., was ordained at Trinity Lutheran Church, Vale, N. C., on Sunday, June 8, by officials of Synod and Pastor Glenn L. Miller, who formerly headed Southmont School.

Mr. Bolick has accepted a call from the Board of American Missions of the United Lutheran Church to develop a new mission in Sanford, Florida. He will begin his work there July 1.

A native of Watauga County, but spending the past ten years at Southmont where his father was head of the Southmont School, the Rev. Mr. Bolick received his B. D. degree from Southern Lutheran Theological Seminary, Columbia, S. C. on May 23. He also won an award of \$50.00 in the A. W. Fisher Essay Contest for home missions.

The exercises included an address by Dr. V. R. Cromer, president of Lenoir Rhyne College, and a sermon by Pastor Marshall Mauney, D. D. of Lynchburg, Virginia.

Rev. Mr. Bolick received his high school education at Southmont High School. He received his A. B. degree at Lenoir Rhyne College, Hickory. He married the former Miss Theresa Feczor, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Feczor of Lexington, Route 7.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Bolick Sr., of Hudson. Mrs. Bolick is the former Virginia Moretz, daughter of the late Mr. Moretz and Mrs. Moretz of Perkinville.