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BOONE WEATHER					
1958	High	Low	6 am. pres.	1957	H.I.
June 17	75	50	70	81	56
June 18	75	48	67	78	53
June 19	81	53	69	78	53
June 20	77	60	72	76	53
June 21	76	53	72	78	50
June 22	71	52	52	71	62
June 23	72	48	68	79	60
Total rainfall for period—7.0 inch.					

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Watauga Hospital Is Accredited

As a result of a recent survey of Watauga Hospital by the Joint Commission on Accreditation, the hospital has been notified that it has been fully accredited for a period of three years.

The accrediting agency is made up of The American College of Physicians, American College of Surgeons, American Hospital Association, American Medical Association, and Canadian Medical Association.

Dr. T. Nordlander, a representative of the Joint Commission of Accreditation, visited the hospital on May 5. The essential divisions surveyed were the physical plant, administration, medical staff organization and medical record department. The complementary and service divisions surveyed were surgical department, obstetrical department, anesthesia department, dietary, and nursing staff.

Dr. Nordlander stated that he was favorably impressed by the excellent medical program carried on at the hospital. Watauga Hospital was first approved in 1957, and has been fully approved since that time.

It is pointed out that the examination by the Joint Commission is purely voluntary, and made only to those hospitals that request it. Hospitals are approved for three-year periods only, and must then be reinspected.

Mrs. Jack Groce, administrator of Watauga Hospital, expressed her appreciation to the medical and surgical staffs, to the board of trustees, and all the other departments, and employees for their cooperation in helping to maintain high hospital standards.

Local Clubs Vote Yes On Park Proposal

Various Boone civic organizations have gone on record as officially endorsing a proposed recreation park and civic center on the city-owned Horn in the West property, according to an announcement by Hugh Hagaman, chairman of the publicity committee of the Daniel Boone Park Committee, a group formed to promote the project.

A municipal election is scheduled to be held on July 15 to decide whether the Town of Boone will negotiate a \$150,000 bond issue to finance the project, which would provide for a swimming pool, clubhouse, playground, memorial gardens, and other facilities.

One of the major projects of the Chamber of Commerce for 1958, said Mr. Hagaman, is to promote the development of this property for a civic center and swimming pool.

Other groups that have endorsed the program, Mr. Hagaman's announcement said, are the Woman's Club, the Junior Woman's Club, the Rotary Club, the Junior Chamber of Commerce, the Southern Appalachian Historical Association, and the Business and Professional Women's Club.

Sets Record For Flight

T-Sgt. Carl H. Cornett, son of Mr. and Mrs. Claud Cornett of Reese was crew chief of a F-100C, which he flew to what is believed to have been a record for "straight days flying time," when the plane flew 17 straight days for 52 hours and 35 minutes flying time. Accompanying Sgt. Cornett was A-2c Howard W. Arant. The flight was made at Victoria, Texas.

The two-man crew was commended by Lt. Col. Ralph E. Keyes, 720th Fighter Day Squadron Commander, for its exceptional work.

ARMED TO THE TEETH

Tucson, Ariz.—Policeman Donald Guenther said a 47-year-old man he arrested on a drunk charge was armed to the teeth.

Guenther said Hilario Migues had a thin metal strip across a partial plate on his upper front teeth that was "razor sharp," and the man snapped at the officer several times.



MISS WATAUGA COUNTY.—Miss Linda Wey, center, poses with her proud parents, Dr. and Mrs. Herbert Wey, after being crowned "Miss Watauga County" for 1958.—Photo by Palmer's Photo Shop.

Fourth Celebration Is Planned At Rock

Blowing Rock, June 24.—A diversified Fourth of July celebration, under the general sponsorship of the Rotary Club, will be held over the long holiday week end.

On Friday the Fourth, the annual Children's Horse Show and Pet Show will be presented at the horse show grounds at 2 p. m. Mrs. Lloyd M. Tate and those associated with her at Tate Stables, will direct the show.

The usual square dance will be

held at the Playground Park Pavilion Friday evening.

Saturday afternoon a Swimming Meet will be held at the Olympic Swimming Pool under the direction of George Mattar, Jr.

Saturday evening there will be street dancing in front of Playground Park with free dancing in the pavillion to follow.

A more complete program will appear in the next edition of the Democrat.

Beech Creek Dam Plans Are Renewed

Ed Anderson Dies Tuesday

Brevard, June 24.—Ed. M. Anderson, 52, Western North Carolina newspaper and radio executive, died unexpectedly this morning at the Transylvania Community Hospital.

Anderson was publisher of the Transylvania Times here, the Forest City Courier, the Spindale Sun, the Allegheny News at Sparta and the Skyland Post at West Jefferson. All are weeklies except the Forest City paper which is published twice weekly.

Anderson also was president of WPMF in Brevard, WBBO in Forest City and was connected with two other radio stations in Marion and Elkin.

Anderson was a native of Rockingham County. He attended public schools in Reidsville and was a graduate of the University of North Carolina.

He served as president of the North Carolina Press Assn. in 1942 and was a past director of the North Carolina Association of Broadcasters.

In 1954-55, he served as president of the National Editorial Assn. During World War II, Anderson was on the War Production Board in Washington and for more than 10 years during and after the war he handled legislative affairs for the National Editorial Assn. in Washington.

He was a member of Sigma Delta Chi, professional journalism fraternity, and of the Methodist church. He was one of the founders of the West Jefferson Rotary Club and was a member of the

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Prospects for the construction of the Beech Creek Dam were brightened last Thursday when a group of North Carolina and Tennessee citizens met in Mountain City, Tennessee, to consider the proposal.

From Boone those attending the meeting were Representative S. C. Eggers; H. W. Wilcox, former Chamber of Commerce president; and S. M. Ayers, electrical engineer for the New River Light and Power Co.

The meeting discussed and explored the possibility of securing the construction of the Dam by the TVA, or other governmental agency, to provide power for the people of Watauga county, at low cost and to furnish immediate employment to our people who are hard-pressed for work at this time, and for the general welfare

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Linda Wey Is Miss Watauga

Miss Linda Wey, 16 year old beauty, was crowned "Miss Watauga County of 1958" following her winning the title in a contest between nine girls at the Boone Elementary School Saturday night.

Crowning of Miss Watauga was the climax of the annual contest which is sponsored by the Boone Junior Chamber of Commerce.

Miss Wey, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Herbert Wey, will go to Charlotte Thursday, July 10, to compete in the Miss North Carolina contest.

Miss Mary Lawrence, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. C. Ray Lawrence, of Boone, was named runner-up, and Miss Jane Moretz, of Deep Gap, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Moretz, was selected by the other contestants as "Miss Gentility."

Included among the judges were Mrs. Joan Melton Grubb, Miss North Carolina of 1957; Mrs. Gail Starke, who was Miss Kansas of 1955.

Paul Weston of Todd, organist, played music as each contestant appeared on the stage.

Miss Carolyn Wall, of Winston-Salem, presented the talent. George C. Flowers was master of ceremonies. Intermission acts included a dance, "The Charleston," by Miss Joan Aldridge of Chapel Hill and a toe dance by Miss Beverly Marshall of Kingstree, S. C.

ARMY COMMAND CHANGE
The White House has announced the assignment of Maj. Gen. Gordon B. Rogers as commander of the Seventh Army Corps in Europe with headquarters in West Germany. General Rogers succeeds Lieut. Gen. John F. Uncles, who is retiring.



MR. AND MRS. W. SMITH HARMON of Beech Creek, take their first ride together on Tuesday, after a honeymoon trip on the old train 47 years ago.

Curtain Rises Saturday On Seventh. "Horn" Run

Good Year For Drama Is Seen

The curtain will go up Saturday night on the seventh season production of Horn in the West, Kermit Hunter's outdoor drama dealing with the settling of western North Carolina in the 1770s.

The play, which opened here in 1952 and which is sponsored by the Southern Appalachian Historical Association, has played to approximately a quarter of a million people and last season registered a 12 and one-half percent increase in attendance, the largest jump in the show's history.

Leo Derrick, Jr., director of public relations and promotion, said today that advance ticket sales were the highest yet recorded and that indications point toward another banner year.

Horn in the West is regarded as unique in outdoor theater for the unusually high percentage of its actors that return each summer to their roles. Drama authorities credit the success and calibre of the play largely to this fact.

Three of this year's principles have been with "Horn" since it opened and the production director, William C. Ross, has been in every performance. This season, however, he was taken out of the cast to assume directorial duties after two highly successful summers in the play's lead. Previously, he played another top role for 4 years.

Returning for his seventh season as the frontier preacher is Charles Elledge as Rev. Isaiah Sims. Glenn Causey, at 6 feet, 4 inches and whose drawl and long, easy gait are reminiscent of the famous frontiersman and Indian fighter he portrays, according to historians, is another 7-season veteran and is cast as Daniel Boone.

Elledge, who had a part in the current Robert Mather movie, "Thunder Road", is principal of Marion High School and Causey is on the faculty at Arlington, Virginia Senior High.

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Polio Clinic Arranged Here

Pointing out that many have not yet been immunized against polio, Dr. Gene Reese, president of the Watauga Chapter, Infantile Paralysis Association, announces that a polio vaccination clinic will be held Wednesday, July 2, 1 to 5 p. m., in the vacant building adjacent to the Dixie Store.

Dr. Reese asks that all Watauga county residents, regardless of age, attend this clinic and receive the Salk shots. The cost for the vaccine will be one dollar.

Pointing out that the danger period for polio is near, Dr. Reese suggests that entire families should take advantage of this clinic.

Awards Are Given At Flower Show

Mrs. R. H. Harmon, Mrs. Ed Hall and Ed Ray won the outstanding awards at the annual Boone Flower Show held last week.

Mrs. Hall won the tricolor ribbon for her wedding reception table arrangement in the home of Dr. and Mrs. William H. Plemmons.

Mrs. Harmon's tricolor arrangement was a dining niche piece in the home of Dr. and Mrs. Lawrence H. Owsley.

The award of merit in the horticulture division went to Ray, Appalachian State Teachers College gardener.

Blue ribbons for arrangements in the home of Dr. and Mrs. Owsley went to Mrs. R. W. Watkins for a college son's room. Mrs. Hall's blue ribbon winner was a breakfast room table arrangement. The other blue ribbon in the Owsley home went to Mrs. W.



Heavy equipment is shown being used to get Boone's golf course into shape.

Golf Work Ahead Of Schedule

Work on the construction of the golf course in Boone is running ahead of schedule, according to reports made to the stockholders of Boone Developments, Inc., by President Wade E. Brown, and Mr. J. E. Maples, golf architect, Tuesday evening.

Most of the heavy grading has been done, trees and bushes have been cleared away, the initial grading has been done on eight greens and tees, and Mr. Maples confidently expects to be able to seed the course during August; looking to the opening of the course in 1959.

The grading is being done by Brown Brothers, O. M. Hampton Construction Co. and Mr. Montgomery has been assisting in the finishing work.

The report indicated that the corporation has bought two tractors, truck, trailer and other equipment to the value of about \$8,000.

Meantime, work on the roadways to the restricted residential development which is to be a feature of the golf course area, is being carried on, and there is a prospect that some lots may be sold this summer.

Mr. Brown told the stockholders that \$100,000 in stock has been sold—the amount permitted under the charter, and that present plans do not call for a provision to issue more stock. Money may be borrowed, he said, and repaid from the sale of the lots on the 100 acre residential tract.

Highway program's value to economy debated.

Navy balloon lands after rising 40,000 feet.

Norris Acquitted In Fatal Shooting

A coroner's jury brought in a verdict Saturday of justifiable homicide in the death of Harold Watson, 31-year-old Boone used car dealer who was shot by Bynum Norris, 63, at the Norris home about 12:45 p. m. Friday.

Evidence given by Norris, his wife and 18-year-old daughter at a coroner's inquest held at 10 o'clock Saturday morning by Coroner Richard E. Kelley at Watauga County Courthouse, revealed that Norris and Watson went to Norris' home on Boone, Route 2, near Meat Camp, to look at a mare they planned to breed with Watson's pony.

The two were riding in Watson's pickup truck, and had "a few drinks of whiskey" on the way, Norris said. When they got to the Norris home, Mrs. Norris and the daughter had eaten lunch, and invited Watson to eat with Norris.

Meanwhile Norris said he got his .32 caliber revolver from his bedroom and started toward the front door. As Watson started to turn as if to come back into the house, Norris said he shot him three times in quick succession, two of the bullets entering his body as he was falling.

Deputy Sheriff George Smitherman arrived on the scene and took Norris into custody a short time after the shooting.

Funeral services for Harold Carlyle Watson were conducted Sunday at 2:30 at the Boone Baptist Church by the pastor, Rev. L. H. Hollingsworth, and interment was in the city cemetery.

Surviving are the widow, a son and two daughters, Ray, Jane, and Sandra of the home. There are two sisters and one brother, Mrs. Ethel Grayson, Winston-Salem; Mrs. Eloise Martin, Butler, Pa., and Brainard Watson, Boone.

Also surviving are the parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. H. Watson of Boone.

Everyone is invited to attend this meeting.



DEDICATION—Blowing Rock Mayor R. R. Hardin presented a plaque for the Grover C. Robbins Memorial Swimming Pool in dedication ceremonies held there Sunday and Miss Ruth Robbins, youngest daughter of the late civic and business leader, unveiled it for those attending the ceremonies at the pool.