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BOONE WEATHER			
1958	High	Low	8 pm prec.
July 13	81	53	79
July 14	79	63	65
July 15	76	65	72
July 16	78	61	70
July 17	no temp.	reading	65
July 18	80	65	70
July 19	72	61	70
July 20	72	61	70
July 21	72	61	70
Total rainfall—.54 inch.			

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TWELVE PAGES—TWO SECTIONS

## Progress Day Plans Are Made

Committees have been named and plans are going forward for Watauga County's annual Progress Day to be held August 20, and which promises to be one of the biggest events in the county's history.

Dr. I. G. Greer, of North Carolina Business Foundation, of Chapel Hill, will be the guest speaker for this event. Dr. Greer is well known to all the people of Watauga county and everyone will want to hear his address on "Progress for Better Living."

The program will be viewing of educational and commercial exhibits on display in the Burley Warehouse No. 2 in the morning and early afternoon; a small parade to move the crowd to the Horn in the West theatre; and the speaking there followed by a "free" watermelon slicing in the parking area.

Free door prizes will be given to the holder of lucky numbers. A portable television set and other valuable prizes will be given away.

The following persons are in charge of the program:

Committee on educational exhibits, Mrs. Lawrence H. Owsley, Howard Williams, Dr. W. K. Keys, Marvin D. Hutchins;

Committee on commercial exhibits, R. D. Hodges, Jr., and Hugh Hagaman;

Committee on judging exhibits, J. E. Tuckwiller and Herman Anderson;

Committee on speaking arrangements, Dr. W. K. Keys, Alfred Adams, L. E. Tuckwiller;

Committee on parade, G. C. Greene, Jr., and Hal Johnson;

Publicity and progress report, James Marsh and Herman Anderson.

"The committees hope that everyone wishing to place an educational or commercial exhibit will let it be known if you are not contacted personally," said planners of the progress day. "Call Hugh Hagaman or the county agents office if you are not contacted within the next two weeks."

## Dr. Crew Quits As Principal Appalachian Hi



DR. A. B. CREW

Dr. A. B. Crew, principal of the Appalachian High School, has resigned his position, effective July 15, according to Guy W. Angell, County Superintendent of Schools. Mr. Angell states that no successor has been named to Dr. Crew. This is done by the committee on joint recommendation of the College and the Superintendent, Mr. Angell says.

Dr. Crew has accepted the position of Director of Student Teaching at the University of Alabama. He has been at Appalachian High for four years.

Mr. Angell also states that Mr. Dwight Isehour has resigned the principalship of the Parkway School, to take the job as principal of the Taylorsville High School.

This comes in the nature of a promotion, since the Taylorsville school is one of the largest in the area, employing 45 teachers.



HORN IN THE WEST ACTION.—Upper left is the trading scene between Indians and British Redcoats; top right, Indians being stopped by their princess, Nancy Ward, after attacking Daniel Boone and others in a frontier cabin; middle, concluding prayer given at center stage. Bottom left shows the Widow Howard getting a swat on the back-side from one of the colonists in one of the many humorous scenes, and right picture is of the exciting Indian "Fire Dance."

## Gardenerettes Map Plans For Horticulture Show August 8

Boone Gardenerettes Club members are busily engaged in making preliminary plans for their Horticulture Show, which will be held August 8, at the First Methodist Church in Boone. A luncheon will be served in the Fellowship Hall at the Methodist Church at one p. m. Tickets for this event may be purchased from any club member, for \$1.50, but reservations must be made before August 1, due to the limited number of tickets. Anyone desiring tickets is asked to please call AM 4-3675 Boone, or write to Mrs. Alton Batts, Box 312, Boone. Those persons attending the luncheon will be invited to attend the Horticulture Show immediately following the luncheon. The show will be open to the public from 3 until 9 p. m.

Large numbers of flowers thrive in Watauga County, due to the favorable climate, and increased interest is being shown each year in their cultivation. Nothing can make a finer contribution to the appearance of the town and county than well attended flower gardens, which not only add to the pleasure of the householders, but which contribute tremendously to the happiness of the stranger within the gate.

Listed below are the rules and regulations, and the various classifications under which posies may be entered in the show. All classes are open to both men and women. (Continued on page two)

## Grand Master To Visit With Local Masons

James G. Johnson, Master of the Grand Lodge of North Carolina, will be a visitor at the emergent communication of Snow Lodge, No. 363, A. F. & A. M., Friday night at 8 o'clock.

Accompanying the Grand Master will be Grand Lecturer William Price; Grand Steward Ed Burrier and T. H. Tertheway, all of Raleigh.

Mr. B. W. Stallings, Worshipful Master of the local lodge, says the distinguished visitors will remain here until Sunday, meantime viewing the Horn, and visiting points of interest in the vicinity.

## Dr. Ellen Winston Women's Club Guest

Dr. Ellen Winston, commissioner of Public Welfare in North Carolina, will be guest speaker at the Worthwhile Woman's Club on



DR. ELLEN WINSTON

Thursday, July 24, at eight o'clock p. m., at the Boone Elementary School.

This is an open meeting, according to the announcement, and the public is invited. Dr. Winston is a forceful speaker, and one who has a broad knowledge of welfare problems in North Carolina, and the nation as a whole.

Dr. Winston is a native of North Carolina, having been born in Swain county. She received her Ph.D. from the University of Chicago and has held various research positions with a number of Federal agencies. As a result of these activities and other interest, she has written extensively in the fields of social and economic problems. She spent four years as head of the department of sociology and economics at Mededith College, and came from that position to the office of North Carolina commissioner of public welfare in the summer of 1944.

Among her activities on a national basis, she has served as Chairman of the Policy Committee,

Chairman of a Special Committee on Aid to Dependent Children, and as a vice president of the American Public Welfare association. She is now serving as president of the later organization.

Dr. Winston is past president of the North Carolina Conference for Social Service. She was chairman of the Southern Region Child Welfare League of America for 1951-52. She was a member of the Committee on Federal Aid to Welfare of the Commission on Inter Governmental Relations. She is chairman of the panel on public social services for the Curriculum Study of the Council on Social Work Education and was recently elected to the board of directors of the Council on Social Work Education.

In 1948, Dr. Winston was awarded the honorary degree of Doctor of Humanities by the Woman's College of the University of North Carolina. In 1952 she was awarded the honorary degree of Doctor of Laws by Colver College, her alma mater.

## Sheriff Hodges Gets Nod; Edmisten In House Race

### Democrats Name Slate Candidates

Sheriff E. M. Hodges received the Democratic nomination for Sheriff on the first ballot in the county convention Saturday, polling a majority of the convention votes in a field of four candidates.

On motion, the nomination was made unanimous. The Sheriff received 77.4 votes. Seventy-seven and one-tenth votes were required for a nomination.

Police Chief Glenn Richardson, Emmett Oliver, chief Deputy Sheriff and Ward Carroll, combined, polled almost half the votes.

For Representative Jack Edmisten was the unanimous choice of the convention, after Homer Brown, the only other candidate, withdrew and tendered his support.

Coroner Richard E. Kelley was renominated for Coroner, without dissent.

For Surveyor C. F. Thompson won over W. R. Vines. The nomination was made unanimous on motion of Mr. Vines.

For Clerk of the Superior Court, A. E. South was the winner over Cannon Ward.

For commissioners the nominees are: Ivan Dishman, Beaver Dam township; W. C. Lentz, Blowing Rock and Bynum Beshears, Route 3, Boone.

D. Grady Moretz submitted a motion asking for the inclusion of Watauga under the State primary law, so that candidates would be nominated for county office by direct vote. The resolution was approved without objection. Mr. Edwin Duncan of Sparta, was endorsed for the State Senate. He had received the nomination under the rotation system in force between Ashe, Alleghany and Watauga counties.

The convention, which filled the courthouse, was opened by C. H. Hendrix, Chairman of the Democratic Executive Committee, and was presided over by Mr. Homer Brown, vice-chairman.

### Funds Set Up For Road Work

Raleigh.—The State Highway Commission has approved and set up funds for road work in Watauga county.

This work involves the widening, draining and stabilizing of a total of 12.55 miles on the following roads: from Todd, south for 2.25 miles; south of Todd for 1.9 miles; south of Todd for 1.8 miles; east of Deep Gap for 1.3 miles; southeast of Boone for 3.2 miles; and northwest of Matney for 2.1 miles.

It is anticipated that work on these roads will be completed on or before November 30, 1959, at an estimated cost of \$80,000.00.

Once funds have been approved for projects such as these, the money is encumbered until such time as the work is completed.

Daily demand for water in the United States is estimated at 200 billion gallons. The demand may double in the next 25 years.



NEW COUNTY SCHOOL OFFICES AND GARAGE takes shape west of Boone just off Highway 421. The building is on the property formerly occupied by the old county home, and is next to the Health Department building. It is hoped the structure will be ready for occupancy sometime this fall.

## Elk Park Mayor Fatally Burned; Foul Play Theory Is Disproved

Elk Park—Officers investigating the blackened evidence at a fire which took the life of Elk Park Mayor Howard Dugger indicated last night that they had found no evidence of foul play.

The bloody bed clothing and empty gasoline bottles found at Dugger's home had led Avery County officers to launch a full-scale investigation of the fatal blaze.

The State Bureau of Investigation was called into the case on the strength of the suspicious as-

pects of the fire which destroyed Dugger's frame home on Buck Mountain near here.

An inquest into the 56-year-old man's death was begun Monday but held open until next Monday while the investigation continued.

Elk Park Constable Paul Cook, who said he had been one of the first persons at the scene of the fire Sunday, explained that, after study, the evidence did not now support the theory of foul play. He said the empty gasoline jugs found at the home had been filled with fuel for a power mower.

"We went there Monday and got out the bedclothes. They seemed to be bloody but they were scorched so bad it's hard to tell," Cook said.

"The way everything looks now," Cook added, "there wouldn't seem to have been any foul play."

Deputy Sheriff J. M. Presnell said Dugger was known to carry

large amounts of money on his person and in his home. Dugger was a nurseryman.

Neighbor Sees Fire  
Presnell said a neighbor passing by saw the fire about 7 a. m. Sunday. The neighbor, knowing the layout of the house, ran to the bedroom where Dugger usually slept and broke the window. He reached in and yanked the sheets and blankets off the bed, but Dugger was not in the bed.

He ran to the other bedroom and did the same thing. He didn't find Dugger there, either, but the bed clothes were bloody.

Presnell said Dugger's badly burned body was found on the floor of the second bedroom, where he was never known to sleep.

The jugs which had contained gasoline were found in Dugger's station wagon near the house. Dugger lived alone.

### Greene's Court Hosts Over 500 At Open House

Greene's Court was host to a reported 500 to 600 visitors Saturday and Sunday when Mr. and Mrs. Grant Greene held open house at their new motor court on the Blowing Rock road.

The 12-unit court located about a half-mile from the Boone town limits is one of the best equipped in this section, said Mr. Greene, with ceramic tile bathrooms, individual thermostats, wall-to-wall carpeting, Beautyrest box springs and mattresses, and air conditioning.

Mr. Greene also built the Cardinal Motel on the same road in 1953, and operated it until last year when he sold it to Farris Bumgarner of Cove Creek. Construction was begun on the new Greene's Court in the early spring and completed about two weeks ago.

Mr. and Mrs. Greene wish to express their appreciation to the many who came out last week end to look over the new facility.

## County Board Making Civil Defense Plans

Bynum H. Greene, Chairman of County Commissioners, today announced plans for a fully organized and active Civil Defense organization for Boone and Watauga County.

"The proximity of Boone to certain defense operations, especially its nearness to the Oak Ridge Atomic Plant, places us in a strategic position to render valuable service in times of disaster," Mr. Greene pointed out. "Aside from this," he said, "there arises circumstances within almost every community when properly organized forces can act quickly and efficiently to save lives and relieve suffering. It does not necessarily follow that the nation must be threatened by armed aggression to warrant the maintenance of an active Civil Defense Program. For example, if our community were swept with an epidemic, or if we were again subject to the ravages of flood—as we were during the early '40's, our local Civil Defense Unit would be invaluable," Mr. Greene said.

"Willing and qualified leadership is the secret of a worthwhile Civil Defense Program," Mr. Greene continued, "and we are at this moment devoting our attention to finding the highest type leadership."

Mr. Greene pointed out that many who read this will later be called upon to assume a role in the program, and asked that all

citizens give sober and thoughtful consideration to problems that suddenly have been magnified in the light of world events.

### Winkler Named Area Chairman Auto Dealers

W. R. Winkler of Winkler Motor Company, Inc., Boone has been appointed an Area Chairman by the N. C. Automobile Dealers Association.

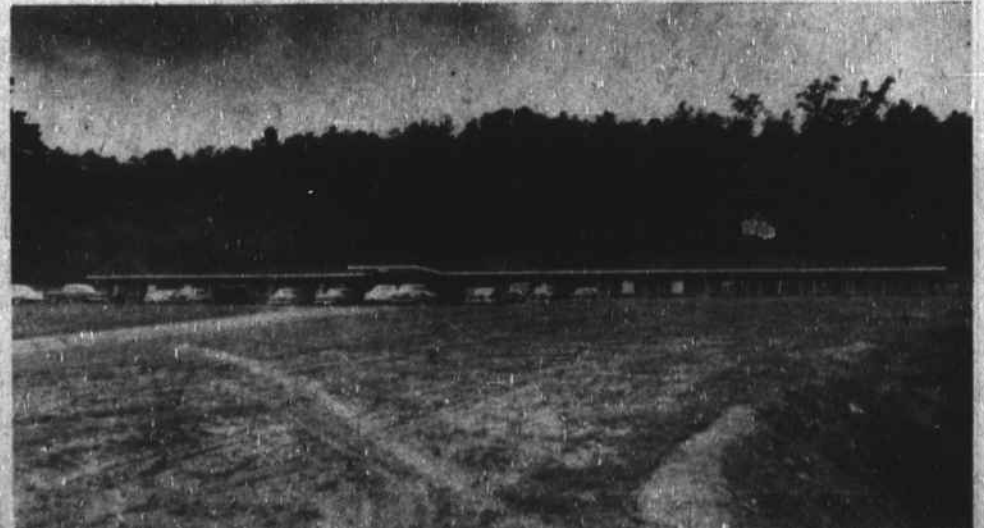
As such, Winkler will be the liaison man between new car and truck dealers in Watauga County and both the state organization and the National Automobile Dealers Association, reports Joe A. Watkins of Oxford, president of the state dealer group.

Watkins said Winkler will keep the two associations informed on local happenings and opinions and will advise local dealers of state and national matters affecting the retail automobile business.

He also will conduct a joint membership drive of both organizations in the fall.

"We feel fortunate to have his services," Watkins commented on the appointment, "for we know he will do an excellent job of keeping us and his local dealers informed."

Alaska expects a gain in education.



GREENE'S COURT ON BLOWING ROCK ROAD