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BOONE WEATHER				
1956	High	Low	6 pm	prec.
July 29	82	65	76	.22
July 30	85	66	80	.74
July 31	85	69	68	.64
Aug. 1	75	67	72	.16
Aug. 2	82	65	75	.05
Aug. 3	78	63	72	.32
Aug. 4	80	63	72	.72
Total rainfall for period—.75 inch.				

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Many Exhibits Are Being Planned For Annual Progress Day

Ralph Tugman Named Deputy Of Civil Defense



RALPH TUGMAN

Watauga County's Civil Defense organization continues to take shape daily, according to Bynum Greene, chairman of the board of county commissioners.

In telling of the progress of the organization, Mr. Greene announced the appointment of Ralph Tugman to the post of deputy director.

"This is in line with our policy of finding busy people to do the job," Mr. Greene said, "and if he isn't busy enough with running a radio station, acting as secretary to the Lions Club, service on the board of directors for Horn in the West, teaching a Sunday school class, serving as publicity agent for the Red Cross, and working on a dozen committee assignments, then we'll help keep him busy with the Civil Defense program in this county."

The spirit in which all appointments have been accepted is encouraging, Mr. Greene believes, and indicates that at last the people of Watauga county are awake to the task and the need of civil defense, and that there is a genuine concern that most surely will result in the formation of a smooth running, efficient and effective organization in our county.

American Legion To Meet Friday

Watauga Post 130, American Legion, will hold its regular meeting at the American Legion Hut Friday night, August 8, at 7:30 o'clock. All members and prospective members are invited to come.

The ladies of the auxiliary will meet with Mrs. Roy Ruffy at the same time of the Legion meeting.

Many business establishments and organizations are making plans for exhibits to be shown at Watauga County Progress Day Wednesday, August 20.

Plans are to hold the event in Burley Warehouse No. 2.

These exhibits constitute only a part of the all-day program planned for Progress Day. In the afternoon at Daniel Boone Theatre, there will be a talk by Dr. I. G. Greer, a watermelon feast, and the drawings for many valuable prizes.

There will also be prizes at the warehouse, it is stated, and all activities will be free.

Following is a tentative list of the organizations and businesses which have indicated they will present exhibits at the warehouse. In the meantime, all organizations which wish to have exhibits and have not been contacted are asked to call L. E. Tuckwiler or Herman Anderson at the county farm agent's office at once in order that space may be saved for them.

Educational Exhibits
Agricultural Extension Service.
Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Administration.
Appalachian State Teachers College.

Artificial Breeding Association.
Boone Rotary Club.
Boone Junior Chamber of Commerce.

Boy Scouts.
Community Clubs
4-H County Council.
Farm, Home Administration.
Future Farmers of America.
Home Demonstration Club Council.

Library Exhibit.
Rural Development Committee.
Social Security Administration.
Soil Conservation Service.
Watauga County Board of Education.

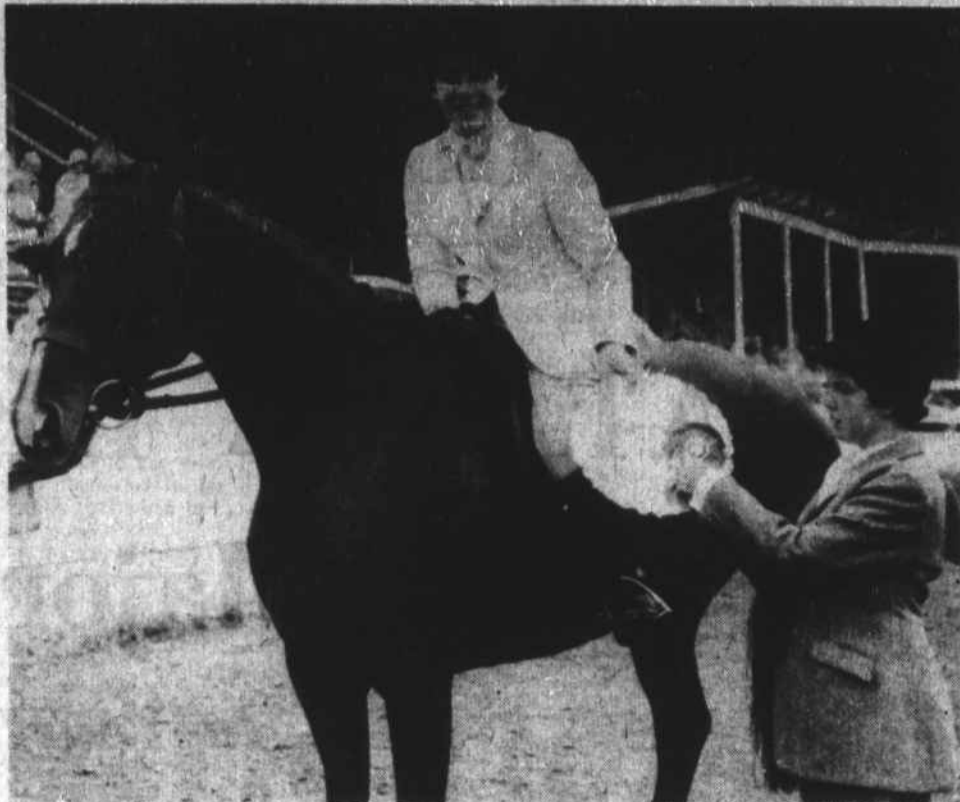
Watauga Handicrafts Center.
Watauga County Health Dept.
Watauga Hereford Association.
Watauga Hospital, Inc.
Watauga County Ministerial Association.

Watauga County Welfare Office.
Watauga United Fund.
Commercial Exhibits
Andrews Chevrolet Co.
Blue Ridge Electric Corp.
Boone Tire & Bargain Store.
Brown & Graham Motor Co.
Farmers Hardware & Supply Co.
Goodnight Bros. Produce Co.
International Resistance Co.
New River Light & Power Co.
Northwestern Bank.

Robertson Fertilizer Co.
Shadowline, Inc.
Trailway Laundry & Cleaners.
Watauga Hardware, Inc.
Watauga Savings & Loan Association.

WATA Radio Station.
Winkler Motor Co.

Israel suggests British cease flights over country.



BETH WINBORNE, of Camp Yonhlossee and Sanford is shown receiving the top award in the North Carolina Camp Class, following the opening of the Blowing Rock Horse Show Friday. This kind of scene was repeated again and again during the three-day show which drew thousands of people to the mountain top. — Photo by Emerson Humphrey.

Inquest Into Death Of John W. Williams To Be Held This Week



BLOWING ROCK HORSE SHOW.—Gov. Luther Hodges awards the fox brush to Jock Tate, left, and the mask to Beaver Tate for their part in the famous Pinehurst fox hunt, as one of the events at the 35th annual Blowing Rock Horse Show during the week end. Beaver, age 7, was field master and Jock, 8, was his assistant.—Photo by Allan Gould.

John Wesley Williams, Sr., 59, operator of the Gateway Restaurant in Boone, died last Thursday night following an altercation in front of his cafe on East King Street.

J. L. Reese, Boone barber, is free under \$2,000 bond for his appearance at a coroner's inquest. The body of Mr. Williams was taken to Morganton Friday for an autopsy, but Coroner Richard E. Kelley had not received a formal report as to the cause of death Tuesday. He said he will call an inquest when the report is received, probably later this week.

It is generally believed, however, that death resulted from a heart attack brought on by excitement in an affray with Mr. Reese, who is co-proprietor of the Sanitary Barber Shop next door to the cafe.

Witnesses told investigating officers that the two men became engaged in an argument and started fighting after Reese parked his car near a fire hydrant in front of the restaurant around 7 p. m. Reese was quoted as saying he had parked there to run into his barber shop to get barbering tools needed to shave a patient in Watauga Hospital.

Police, called shortly after the scuffle began, arrived to find Williams lying on the sidewalk. He was dead on arrival at Watauga Hospital a few minutes later.

Funeral services for Mr. Williams were conducted at the Boone Baptist Church Monday at 2 o'clock. The Rev. L. H. Hollingsworth, the pastor, was in charge of the rites. Burial was in Mountlawn Memorial Park, members of the Masonic fraternity conducting the graveside rites.

Surviving are the widow and one son, Lieut. J. W. Williams, Jr., U. S. Air Force, Casablanca, Morocco.

Born in Gaffney, S. C., Mr. Williams went to Charlotte as a youth, where he was married in 1920 to Miss Nell Norman. He had engaged in real estate sales and other business ventures before coming to Boone ten years ago, where he owned and operated the Boone Trail Cafe. About four years ago he bought the Gateway cafe, which he was operating at the time of his death. He was a veteran of the first World War, a member of the Baptist Church and a member of Snow Masonic Lodge No. 363.

Pony League Teams Listed

The Pony League baseball is still going on in Avery, Watauga, and Ashe counties. Teams are: Banner Elk Dodgers; Foscoe Bulldogs; Crossnore Highlanders; West Jefferson Beavers; Lansing Mountaineers, and Ashe Central.

The Banner Elk Dodgers are still undefeated. Jimmy Sams pitched the winning game over Foscoe Bulldogs Saturday morning, 4-3.

Saturday afternoon the Dodgers shut out West Jefferson Beavers, 4 to 0. Sherrill Rominger pitched and Bobby Lewis was behind the plate.

Recreation Vote Is Set For Sept. 9

Levy Is Sought For Play Area, Pool, Building

A municipal bond election to submit to the voters the question of whether the Town of Boone will issue bonds in the amount of \$150,000 to provide a recreation center on the Horn in the West property, has been called by the board of aldermen for Tuesday, September 9.

The special election, originally set for July 15, had to be postponed due to legal technicalities. Approval has been obtained and the new date cleared with the Local Government Commission in Raleigh and bond attorneys in New York, said Wade E. Brown, town attorney.

An ordinance calling the election and an ordinance authorizing the issuance of the bonds, subject to approval of the voters, appears elsewhere in this issue of the Democrat.

The project, planned and promoted by a group known as the Daniel Boone Park Committee and composed of representatives of ten Boone civic clubs, would provide for a swimming pool, club house, children's playground, and other facilities on the city-owned Horn in the West property.

Approval of the bond issue empowers the city to levy taxes sufficient to pay the principal and interest on the bonds. As previously stated, a 15 cent levy was thought to be enough to pay the interest.

In addition to the vote on issuance of the bonds, provision will be made on the ballot for the approval or disapproval of Proposition No. 2, which reads: "Shall the Town of Boone levy an annual tax of not less than three cents nor more than ten cents on each hundred dollars of assessed valuation of the taxable property within said Town for providing, conducting, and maintaining a supervised recreation system."

The registration books will open for the registration of new voters from Friday, August 22 through (Continued on page three)

Round The World Trip Is Ended

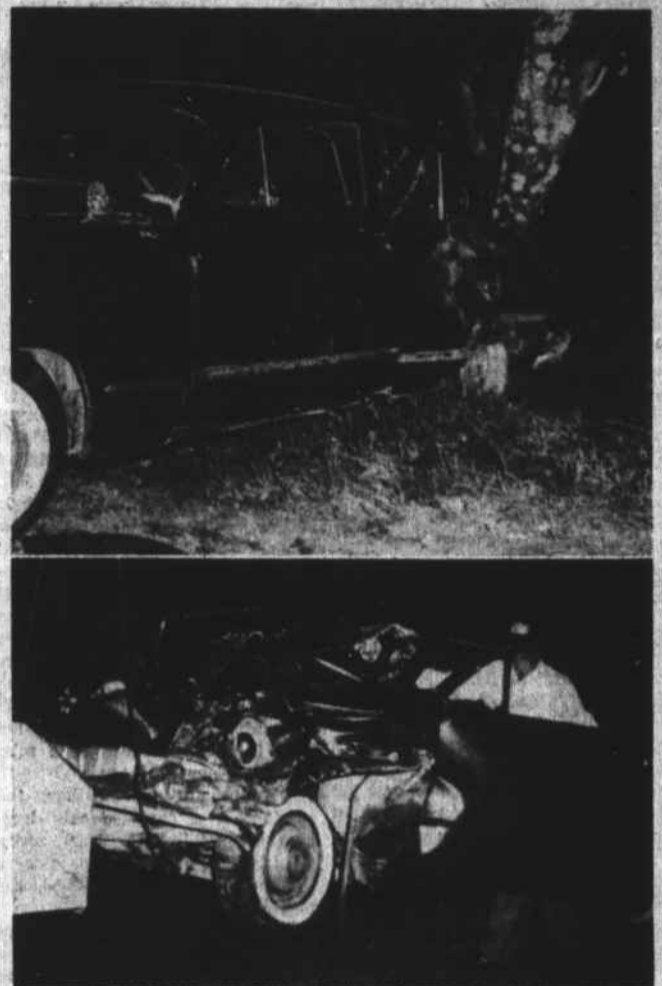
Miss Carolyn Willis returned to Boone Sunday after completing a trip around the world. She left Boone in January of this year and traveled through the Pacific area to Indonesia.

Miss Willis has been living in Sumatra and traveling within Indonesia for the past few months. Her return trip included stops at Djakarta, Java; Singapore, Malaya; Bangkok, Siam; Rangoon, Burma; Karachi, Pakistan; Beirut, Lebanon; Rome, Italy; Munich, Germany; Budapest, Hungary; Amsterdam, Holland; and New York City.

Miss Willis is now residing in Boone with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. S. M. Ayers, and she plans to attend Appalachian State Teachers College this fall. Her parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. M. Willis, are living in Sungei Gerong, Sumatra, Indonesia.



Shown above are Miss Jane Hobson, mezzo soprano, and John McCollum, tenor, who will sing next week at the Grandfather Home Day and the Blowing Rock Hospital Benefit. Appearing with them will be Mario Fiorella, baritone, and Beverly Bower, soprano.



DEEP GAP WRECK. These two cars were smashed up in a wreck late Saturday night which sent six persons to the hospital. Top car was driven by Billy Ray Woodring. He and his three passengers, Roger Lewis, Betty Jo Eldredh and Margaret Eldredh, were thrown clear of the vehicle into the yard of Austin Moretz. Bottom car was driven by Walter Lewis Bean, Jr., and his companion was Caroline Kirkman.—Staff photos.

Six Persons Injured In Two-Car Collision

Six persons were carried to Watauga hospital Saturday night as the result of a two-car accident at Deep Gap, about ten miles east of Boone. Four were thrown from their car into the yard of Austin Moretz, and were picked up some ten or more feet from where the car came to a halt, according to State Highway Patrolman George E. Baker, who investigated the accident.

According to the report, a 1953 Dodge, driven by Billy Ray Woodring, 24 years old, of route 2, Boone, was headed east on 421, and was traveling too fast to make a long curve near the Settlers Museum. A 1957 Ford, driven by Walter Lewis Bean, Jr., 21, of Lenoir, was coming toward Boone, and the two cars collided. The front end of the Bean car was badly smashed, while the left side of the Woodring car was dented considerably. Both cars were expected to be considered a total loss.

Caroline Kirkman, 19, of High Point, and a summer resident of Camp Yonhlossee, was riding with Bean, and was said to have suffered an injured foot. She was released from the hospital after treatment.

Passengers in the Woodring ve-

hicle were Roger Lewis, 20, of Todd, who suffered abrasions and bruises; Betty Jo Eldredh, 17, of Todd, bruises; and Margaret Eldredh, 18, of Todd, lacerations. Woodring had "multiple lacerations" and abrasions.

Woodring and Lewis were discharged from the hospital Sunday, Betty Jo Eldredh was released Monday, but Margaret Eldredh was still a patient Tuesday.

Patrolman Baker stated early Sunday morning that Woodring would be charged with "failure to yield right of way."

A conference was held at the Health Center in Jefferson on Wednesday afternoon, July 30, for the purpose of planning a Cardio-Vascular Nurses' Workshop in which a number of counties are invited to participate.

Those present at the conference were: Mrs. Mary Metler, District Consultant Public Health Nurse of the State Board of Health.

Miss Ruth Council, Orthopedic Consultant Public Health Nurse with the Crippled Children's Section of the State Board of Health.

Miss Mary Brice Deaver, Acting Chief of the Nutrition Section of the State Board of Health.

Miss Gertrude Hoteling, Public Health Nurse Consultant with the Heart Section of the Personal Health Division, State Board of Health.

Mrs. Grace Daniel, District Consultant in Health Education of the State Board of Health.

Dr. Mary B. H. Michael, Health Director of the Alleghany-Ashe-Watauga District Health Department.

Mrs. Carrie McNeill, Public Health Nurse of the District Health Department, Ashe County.

Mr. Lewis E. Heavner, Western Field Director of the North Carolina Heart Association.

Horticulture Show To Get Under Way Friday

The curtain rises on the Gardenerette's Horticulture Show Friday afternoon from 3 until 9 o'clock, at the Boone Methodist Church.

There is no admission charge and gardeners as well as other interested persons are invited to attend. A silver offering is to be taken in order that the actual expenses of providing the show may be met.

It is hoped that all flower lovers and growers will plan to enter flowers in the show. Tickets are on sale for the Horticulture Show Luncheon will be served at the Boone Methodist church at 1:00 p. m. Friday. Any Gardenerette will supply tickets if contacted by Thursday.

Committees for the show are listed: Chairman, Mrs. H. M. Wilson; co-chairman, Mrs. Bob Congleton; Mrs. John Hollar.

Publicity committee, Mrs. Alton Batts, Mrs. Jim Winkler, Mrs. Abe Littleton.

Entries committee, Mrs. O. K. Richardson, Mrs. John Kirk.

Food committee, Mrs. W. C. Richardson, Mrs. Jack Lawrence.

Properties, Mrs. I. W. Carpenter, Mrs. Ray Derick, Mrs. Dwight Isenhour.

Staging, Mrs. John Bingham, Mrs. Jerry Coe, Mrs. Roy Blanton.

C. Of C. To Talk Of Progress Day

Details of the big Watauga County Progress Day, which is scheduled for Boone on August 20, will be the topic of the regular monthly meeting of the Chamber of Commerce on Tuesday. It was announced here today by Leo Derrick, executive secretary of the organization.

Herman Anderson, assistant county agent, and Hugh Hagaman, chamber official, will have charge of the Tuesday program and will inform members of proposed plans for the big event. Both men are working with other Progress Day officials in setting up arrangements, and particulars about the event are expected to be announced at that time.

The entire community and county are involved in this promotion and it is important that all members attend this chamber get-together, a spokesman stated today.

Norstad declares West still holds balance of power.

Pennsylvania Railroad reports a loss for June.



BILL ROSS, left, discusses various aspects of the production of "Horn in the West" with stage manager Lew Goldstein. Ross, dramatics teacher at Appalachian High School and a star of "Horn" for the six previous seasons, was given the directorship of the show this season and has molded the plot into its most impressive offering in seven years, drama critics and authorities contend. Goldstein, a native of Baltimore who has done outstanding theatrical work with the Carolina Playmakers and at "Unto These Hills" in Cherokee, is in his first year with the show.