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BOONE WEATHER					1957-1958
Aug. 5	High	Low	6 a.m.	precip.	1957-1958
Aug. 5	80	53	72		75 59
Aug. 6	81	57	73		74 49
Aug. 7	80	58	68		78 39
Aug. 8	81	60	67	.25	80 41
Aug. 9	80	66	76	.11	79 49
Aug. 10	80	64	76		80 53
Aug. 11	81	65	77		83 53
Total rainfall for period—26 inch.					

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FOURTEEN PAGES—TWO SECTIONS

Eight Vehicles Are Involved In Wrecks During Week End

Eight vehicles were involved in four accidents about the county over the week end, with four drivers receiving citations for traffic violations. No one was seriously injured in either accident, and property damage was not considered great.

The reports, as made by State Highway Patrolman George E. Baker, were:

Friday, about 12 noon—A Coca-Cola truck, driven by Charlie Hugh Cook, and headed east on highway 421, was attempting to make a right-hand turn at the Prison Camp road, just west of Boone. Details showed that the truck apparently moved over to the left side of the road. A 1957 Oldsmobile, driven by Mrs. Frances Rowe Lambert, of Richland, Va., and coming in the same direction, attempted to go by on the right side. The driver of the car said she thought the truck was going to stop, so she continued driving. The car hit the truck on the right side just in front of the door.

The car traveled for some distance before coming to a stop just up a bank on the right side. The truck stopped on the highway and had to be pulled from the scene by a wrecker.

Mr. Lambert, a passenger in the car, suffered a cut under his chin and was given first-aid, while a son, Byron, suffered a bruised knee. Cook was charged with failure to grant right-of-way.

Saturday morning, 9 o'clock—An oil truck belonging to Colvard Oil Co., Inc., and driven by Dale R. Vannoy, Route 1 Boone, was coming west on highway 421, near the Roby Greer home. Vannoy had stopped to pick up John Haynes. James Jacob Greene, Deep

Gap, Route 1, was driving a 1955 Chevrolet in the same direction, failed to stop, and crashed into the back of the oil truck.

The car, owned by Ruby Day Greene, of Deep Gap, was not thought to be badly damaged, and damage to the truck was apparently slight. No injuries were suffered.

Vannoy was charged with failure to give proper signal, and Greene was cited for exceeding safe speed. Sunday, 11:50 a. m. — Mack Browning, Route 3, Roanoke, Ala., was driving a tractor-trailer outfit west on highway 421 at Sherwood, when Gladys Myrtle Robinette of Bristol, Tenn., attempted to pass. The Oldsmobile she was driving ran off the left shoulder, cut back to the right and collided with the trailer. Both vehicles climbed a bank on the right side of the road before stopping. About \$400 worth of damage was done to the car while the truck showed no appreciable damage. No one was injured and no charges had resulted from the mishap.

Sunday, 9 p. m.—George Lewis Jamison, Jr., of Route 2, Covington, Va., was charged with a stop sign violation as a result of an accident at the intersection of highway 321 and Meadowview drive. Jamison, a summer school student at the college, was said to have pulled out of Meadowview Drive (old Blowing Rock Road) into 321. Doras Bentley Blalock, Jr., of Charlotte, was traveling north toward Boone, in a 1956 Chevrolet, and the cars sideswiped each other. Both cars were thought to be damaged about \$100 apiece.

No injuries resulted from the accident, but Jamison was charged with a stop sign violation.



PATROLMAN GEORGE BAKER makes notes on distance car traveled after hitting Coca-Cola truck in accident Friday at noon. Mrs. Frances Rowe Lambert, Richland, Va., was driver of the 1957 Oldsmobile and Charlie Hugh Cook was driver of the truck.—Staff photo.

Civil Defense Group Forges Area Program

Watauga's newly formed Civil Defense organization held its first meeting with its Advisory Council last night, to forge into reality a practical and effective Civil Defense Program for our area.

Dr. R. H. Harmon, Director, spelled out the role of Civil Defense in our county. "We are primarily a reception area," he said, "and our immediate responsibilities fall into a 3-part program."

The three phases of Civil Defense here, according to Director Harmon, will embrace (1) Our responsibility in preparedness to act as a refuge or reception area for displaced persons in nearby target centers, such as Oak Ridge; (2) A practical and effective plan must be formulated to deal with any local disaster of such magnitude as to threaten the health or safety of great numbers, such as the flood in the forties, or such as would be created from wide spread fire, or from winter conditions that might isolate parts of the community to the degree of becoming a danger; (3) A workable plan that would effect the quick exodus of our community in the event of "fall out" conditions that make it uninhabitable.

Dr. Harmon expressed appreciation for the interest and concern of the Advisory Council that prompted them to put aside personal interests to attend the important first meeting. The Advisory Council is composed of the fol-

lowing business, professional and community leaders: Fred Hatley, Gordon Winkler, Rev. George Arthur, Dr. G. K. Moose, R. B. Hardin, Dr. D. J. Whitener, Stacy Eggers, Jr., Mrs. Herman Wilcox, L. E. Tuckwiller, Ralph Winkler, Guy Angell, Dr. William M. Matheson. Chief of the Civil Defense movement is Chairman of County Commissioners, Bynum Greene.

Mr. and Mrs. Woodie Zenfell and children, Woodie, Jr., Jennie Lou, and Martha, of Luray, Virginia spent the week end with Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Hamby, Jr. and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Payne.

Tennessee Link 603 To Be Built Soon

Construction of Tennessee's share of highway 603 will get under way in a few days according to a letter received by Mr. H. W. Wilcox from the Carter County Industrial Commission a few days ago.

The letter states that the contractor will start work on the important link of road just as soon as the work order is issued by the State Highway Department in



MOONSHINE.—This was one of two whiskey stills destroyed by the Sheriff's Department Thursday. Deputy Emmitt Oliver, who was credited with finding both of them, is shown at left just before placing eight sticks of dynamite (seen on top of furnace in foreground) under the operation to destroy it. Mrs. Oliver is in the center, while Sheriff E. M. Hodges dips some of the mash from the vat. It was thought that it was ready to be made into the finished product, but blowing of the still prevented it. Inset shows part of the things that were confiscated, a wash tub, two five-gallon cans of the finished product, fruit jars, and tools.—Staff photo by Joe Minor.

Dynamite Puts End To Distilling At Two Illicit Moonshine Plants

Just twenty-eight sticks of dynamite put an end to two separate illegal liquor stills in Watauga county last Thursday. One was located in the Jakes Mountain area on Trout creek and the other was at the head of Meat Camp, according to Sheriff's deputy, Emmitt Oliver, who found them both.

The first still, near Elk, on the Jakes Mountain road, was described as a small operation, and about 15 gallons of whiskey was found and confiscated by Sheriff E. M. Hodges, and Deputies Oliver and Smitherman. One vat of mash was in the "working off" stage and probably been run soon if Deputy Sheriff Oliver and his wife had not found the operation. Another vat, empty, was located beside it, and had apparently been run to make the three five-gallon army-type cans of whiskey found cached in the woods around the still.

The still itself was made of stones and mud, with a metal top. It was a "beauty," and was similar to the oldstyle plants before steel drums became plentiful and easy to use. Several barrels were used in the operation. Empty bags that had contained sugar and other material used in making the moonshine were about the still. Several cases of half-gallon fruit jars, piping, mattock, hoes, tub, and buckets were confiscated by the law officers, along with the 15 gallons of whiskey.

At the time of its discovery Thursday morning, no one was at the still, which was several hundred feet down the bank from the road, just above Trout Creek. The still was not hot, and it could not be determined when the last "run" was made.

Sheriff Oliver put this still out of business with eight sticks of dynamite. In the second find of the day, about 3 p. m., Deputy Oliver discovered 90 gallons of whiskey. Five vats or mash was ready to go, with three other empty vats being located around the area. It was "running full blast," and was capable of making "60 to 70 cases" of white lightning a day. At an estimated worth of \$150.00 per case in the proper place, a day's run was estimated to be worth around ten thousand dollars.

Besides the mash in the vats,

flies, bugs, and other insects were noted floating around on the contents. The still was well located, being fixed so that it could not be seen from the road, but so that the operators could see the road from the still. It was about 300 yards off the road, Deputy Oliver said.

The still consisted of the eight vats, two steamers, made of steel

drums, a condenser system, and a felt filter system. Coke or charcoal was used to fire the still.

Besides the whiskey that was confiscated, a pump, plastic hose, fruit jars and other equipment was salvaged. Twenty sticks of dynamite were placed under the rest of the equipment to blow it out of operation.

Horn In West Chorale To Appear In Concert

The Horn in the West Chorale will present a concert here in the Fine Arts Building of Appalachian State Teachers College on Monday evening.

The choir and the upcoming program are under the direction of Prof. Hoyt Safrit of the Music Department of ASTC and the public is invited. There will be no admission charge and the concert will begin at 8:15 p. m.

The chorale is composed of 23 male and female voices and contains a number of professional singers. Safrit also announced that there will be several guest musicians aside from the regular "Horn" choir.

Opening the program will be

the cantata, "Hear Our Prayer", by Mendelssohn with the soprano solo sung by Nancy Larrimore Cope. "Piano Concerto in G Minor" by Saint-Saens will be rendered by Joan Melton Grubbs and accompanying on the other piano will be Bob Coe, organist for the "Horn" production.

Coe will offer two organ solos, "Toccata in D Minor" by Nevin and "Come Sweet Death" by Bach.

The final series of numbers will be hit tunes from famous musical shows and the offering will include "Smoke Gets In Your Eyes", "Old Man River" and others, all done by the entire choir.



HUCKLEBERRY QUEEN.—Kay Hunter of Kingsport, Tennessee, is the newly selected 1958 Huckleberry Queen at Grandfather Mountain. Miss Hunter, who has been accepted for September enrollment in the Powers school for models in New York, gains practice in her new career posing with the bountiful crop of huckleberries on Grandfather's peaks.

Sixty Exhibits Will Open Progress Day

Jody Shackford Dies In Oklahoma Accident

Joseph T. (Jody) Shackford, Jr., was electrocuted Monday afternoon as he went about his work at an Oklahoma City, Okla., store, according to a report reaching Boone Tuesday.

The report stated that Jody was working as a shipping clerk, and was electrocuted while operating a blueprint machine. No details explaining the accident were available here.

Jody, the son of the Rev. and Mrs. J. T. Shackford, was a Junior at Duke University, but was working in Oklahoma City, where his father is assistant pastor of St. Luke's Methodist Church. He attended Appalachian High school, where he was a brilliant and popular student, when his father was pastor of the Boone Methodist Church for four years.

Meagre reports stated that services were conducted at St. Luke's Church Tuesday, and that his body will be brought to Waynesville, where his grandparents, Dr. and Mrs. John Shackford, live. Funeral services were set for 2:30 Thursday afternoon from the Waynesville Methodist Church.

Immediate survivors, besides his parents, are two brothers, Johnny and Hilliard, and a sister, "Ginger" Polly.



MARY LAWRENCE of Boone and Bob Grubbs of Winston-Salem are playing the roles of young lovers for the third straight year in the outdoor drama "Horn in the West," showing nightly except Mondays through Labor Day in Boone. Miss Lawrence plays Mary, the Quaker girl, and Grubbs is cast as the hot-tempered Jack Stuart. Mary is the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Ray Lawrence.

Coroner Finds Williams Had Heart Attack

A coroner's jury ruled Saturday that the July 31 death of J. W. Williams, Boone cafe owner, was the result of a heart attack.

The verdict was returned after the jury heard a pathologist's autopsy report at the inquest that, in the pathologist's opinion, death resulted from a heart attack brought on by emotion, excitement, and anxiety. The pathologist, Dr. John Reece of Morganton, said no marks were found of blows which would have been sufficient to cause death.

Witnesses said they saw Williams collapse after he and J. L. Reese, Boone barber shop operator exchanged blows in front of Williams' restaurant.

Evidence that Williams had a long-standing heart condition was also presented to the jury.

United Fund To Get Requests For Next Year

The admission and budget committee of the Watauga County United Fund will hold its annual meeting at the dining room of the Watauga Hospital Monday evening, August 25 at 7:30.

All agencies wanting consideration for membership in the 1959 United Fund appeal are asked to have authorized representatives at this meeting.

Agencies must present itemized budget of last year's expenses along with this year's request.

Any agency desiring further information may obtain same by contacting Grady Moretz, Jr., chairman, or Richard Morhauser, co-chairman of the committee.

To Make Request For TVA Power For Watauga Soon

Mr. Herman W. Wilcox states that within the next week formal request will be made by his committee to the Tennessee Valley Authority for immediate TVA power, "on the basis of the area being in the TVA watershed and for other valid reasons."

With present construction costs, Mr. Wilcox says, the building of the Beech Creek Dam is not considered to be feasible at the present time, but the TVA has not (continued on page five)

Dr. I. G. Greer Will Deliver Main Address

Dr. I. G. Greer will be the featured speaker for the Watauga County Progress Day event to be held here next Wednesday, August 20. The topic for his address will be in keeping with the theme for this year's program, "Progress For Better Watauga County Living."

Some 60 exhibits will be displayed in Mountain Burley Warehouse No. 2 opposite the bus station. The program will start in the warehouse at 9:00 a. m., and will continue until 2:00 p. m. One big feature will be drawings for free prizes every hour. These prizes have been donated by seed and fertilizer vendors who are cooperating with the Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Program. They range from a bag of fertilizer to 10 tons of limestone. Every farm name and number is in the box, but you must be present to win.

The activity will move to the Daniel Boone Theater at 2:00 p. m. for the speaking by Dr. Greer and announcements concerning the remainder of the program.

Over \$400.00 worth of free prizes will be given away, including a television set and several electric frying pans. Again, you must be in the theater to win.

After the speaking there will be a free watermelon slicing on the parking area for everyone.

Boone Radio Station "WATA" will have a booth in the warehouse and will broadcast from the booth all day.

The Watauga County Rural Development Committee and the Boone Chamber of Commerce, co-sponsors of the affair, expect it to be one of the biggest events held here in many years. They urge everyone to make plans now to attend.

Stores Close For Progress Day

The Boone Chamber of Commerce and Merchants Association have asked that Boone stores close for the day at 12 noon on Wednesday, August 20, in observance of Watauga County Progress Day.

Many stores close regularly on Wednesday afternoon, and it is expected that others will do so next Wednesday.

County offices in the court house will be closed all day in honor of the event, with the exceptions of the Register of Deeds office, the Clerk of Court's office, and various Federal offices, it has been announced.

Boone Drug Co. Is Featured In Trade Journal

Boone Drug Company's new fountain facilities were the subject of an article in a recent issue of "American Druggist," nationally circulated trade magazine.

The store was featured in the Fountain Trends department of the publication, in which O. K. Richardson, who operates the pharmacy in partnership with his brother, Wayne Richardson, was quoted as saying a 50 per cent volume increase over his previous fountain intake has been realized since the department was modernized and enlarged about two years ago.

Mr. Richardson stated that about 500 orders (fountain concoctions, sandwiches, and short orders) are served daily at both the counter and booth areas. 12 persons are regularly employed at the new fountain.

"By installing some of the most modern equipment in the state," he said, "we attract the townsfolk and the traveler."