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BOONE WEATHER			
1958	High	Low	Wind
Sept. 16	80	59	75
Sept. 17	84	63	88
Sept. 18	65	56	57
Sept. 19	74	41	81
Sept. 20	82	45	59
Sept. 21	73	56	66
Sept. 22	79	57	66

Total rainfall for period—86 inch.

ASC Committees To Be Elected; Full Vote is Being Urged

ASC Committeemen will be elected in each of the county's 10 agricultural communities on October 2.

In each of these communities a chairman, vice chairman, regular member, and two alternates to the local ASC committee will be elected.

A nominating committee in the community, composed of three farmers residing in the community, has already chosen from among their neighbors a slate of farmers whom they consider the most capable. No names have been added to the list as previously announced and mailed to all farmers.

Vaughn Tugman, Chairman of the County ASC Committee, in announcing these election plans called on all farmers in the County to carefully plan their action on election day and by all means to visit the polls and cast their votes.

In each agricultural community, according to Tugman, every farmer who is participating, or who is eligible to participate, in any program administered by the County ASC Committee is eligible to vote. This includes any owner, operator, tenant, or sharecropper on a farm which is eligible to participate in the Agricultural Conservation Program, the Soil Bank Program, the various price support programs, or who is affected by acreage allotments and marketing quotas on any of the basic commodities, he said.

In past years, Watauga County farmers have shown their interest in farm programs by turning out in great numbers on ASC election day. For the last few years, however, participation in the ASC community elections has been dropping off. "This is your chance to help elect the best ASC Community Committeemen you can find. Don't let your neighbors down by passing up the election when it is held in your community," Tugman urged.

COMMUNITY COMMITTEE NOMINEES

BEAVER DAM: Donly Haganman's store—Howard Cable, Buster Dishman, Jake Eggers, C. C. Johnson, Lewis Norris, Linville Norris, Clay Phillips, Asa L. Reese, Sr., Paul Tesler and Dean Wilson.

BRUSHY FORK: Vilas Service Station—Fred Blair, Coy Billings, C. A. Clay, Willie Cole, Howard Dancy, James Greer, Tom Hayes, B. F. Hodges, Joe McNeil and Don Thompson.

COVE CREEK: James B. Mast's Store—Cicero Greer, Ford Henson, Jack Henson, Max Miller, John Sherwood, Otto Thomas, Howard Vannoy, Lester Warren, M. L. Warren and Joe Wilson.

LAUREL CREEK: V. D. Ward's Store — Frank Cable, Charles Glenn, Ned Glenn, Graden Hagan, Arnold Presnell, Ira Presnell, Bill Rominger, Gene Smith, Leonard Ward and Luther Ward.

MEAT CAMP: Davis' Furniture Store—Billy Byers, Wade Clawson, Walter Davis, James Lewis, H. C. Moretz, Wade Norris, Willard Norris, Woodrow Starnes, Paul Stephens and Worth Winebarger.

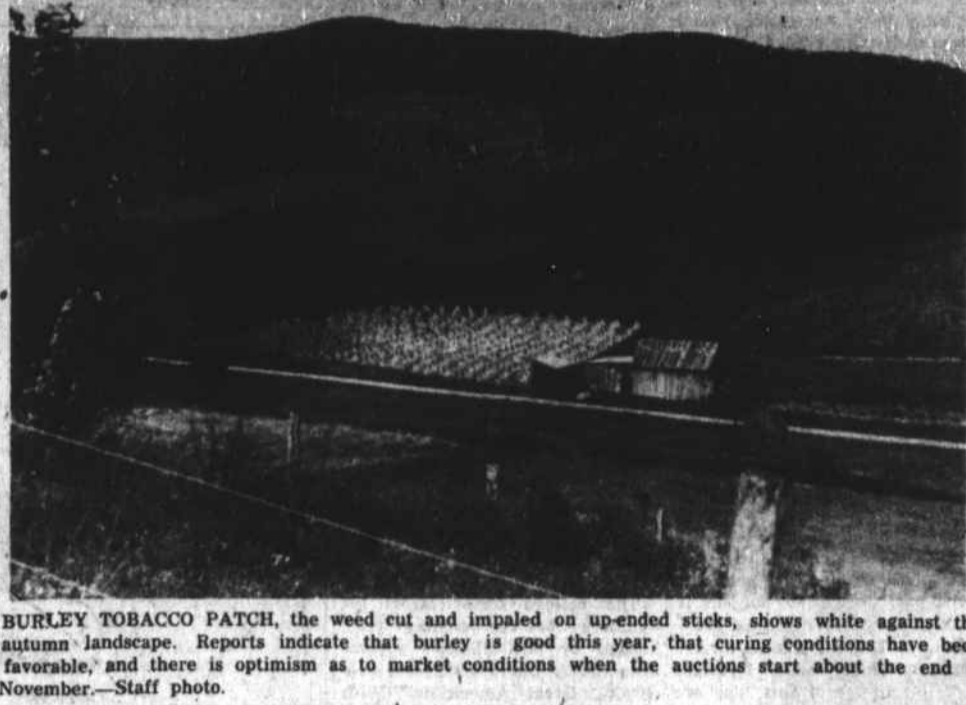
NEW RIVER: Basil Smith's Store—Collis Austin, Stewart Barnes, Fred Baumann, Kenneth Brown, R. V. Brown, Jr., Dwight Critcher, R. W. Harmon, Clint Norris, Orrin Sherrill and Roby Vandyke.

NORTH FORK: Eller's Store—Fred Johnson, Willie Lang, Dave Main, Claud May, Ralph May, Loyd Miller, Howard Thomas, Jack Wallace, Archie Wilson and C. R. Wilson.

SHAWNEEHAW: Story's Store —Will Byrd, Howell Cook, Jack Eggers, Victor Farthing, Don Oliver, Hoyle Shook, W. H. Smith, Ira Townsend, William Townsend and Ed Yates.

STONY FORK: Deep Gap P. O. —Joe Coffey, Sr., V. C. Cox, W. B. Day, Thos. Fairchild, Edgar Hardin, Clark Miller, Dick Rhyment, Charlie Simmons, Arthur Whedler, Charlie Wheeler.

WATAUGA: Howard Mast's Store—Shulla Aldridge, Cline Baird, George Byrd, Ray Clark, Arlie B. Hodges, Dave Minton, Basil Shores, Jeff Shook, Frank Taylor and J. L. Yates.



BURLEY TOBACCO PATCH, the weed cut and impaled on up-ended sticks, shows white against the autumn landscape. Reports indicate that burley is good this year, that curing conditions have been favorable, and there is optimism as to market conditions when the auctions start about the end of November.—Staff photo.

Watauga Would Host 20,000 Evacuees in Case Of Attack

Watauga county has been assigned the task of taking in 20,000 evacuees from the heavily populated areas of East Tennessee in the event of an enemy attack, a state Civil Defense official said here last week.

Past Masters Are Honored By Masons

Fifteen living past masters of Snow Lodge, No. 363, AF & AM, were honored Friday night when the local Masonic lodge met in their hall on King Street. The seven who were present were presented past master certificates.

Receiving the certificates were T. M. Greer, who served in 1944 and 1945; Dr. J. T. C. Wright, 1946; A. R. Smith, 1948; Hoyle Davis, 1953; J. D. Winebarger, 1954; J. D. Shoemaker, 1955; and Floyd Brewer, 1957.

Others who have served as masters, but were unable to attend are George G. Farthing, 1939; W. W. Williams, 1940; Richard E. Kelley, 1941, 1949, 1950; Eugene E. Garbee, 1942; Lee H. Stout, 1943; J. E. Clay, 1951; J. D. Cook, 1952; and Paul Brown, 1956.

Masons and visiting brethren heard Dr. Wright read from the "King Street" column of Rob "Rivers", which appears in the Watauga Democrat, in which Mr. Rivers wrote of the "Ancient Fraternity . . . Old Times Meet." The article concerned the local lodge and gave some of its history.

The column had been framed by James Miller in curly maple, and was hung in the lodge hall.

Present worshipful master of the lodge is B. W. Stallings, and secretary is Jennings B. Robinson.

Each past master present was called on to inject some remarks in the meeting.

Col. V. D. Whatley (Ret.) of the Civil Defense office in Raleigh, met with about 100 interested citizens in the court house Wednesday night, September 17, at the first county-wide meeting on Civil Defense, and outlined the CD set up at both the state and local levels.

Dr. R. H. Harmon is Civil Defense director for Watauga county and W. Ralph Tugman is deputy director.

"We must base our thinking on the assumption that some day we will be engaged in a war," said Col. Whatley. "We have potential enemies capable of launching a nuclear attack on any part of the United States at any time." This would be followed by an invasion of troops, he added.

The national Civil Defense plan, which will be distributed to every family in the nation in the near future, embodies the following concepts, the speaker said:

1. All resources will be used for defense. 2. Governments at all levels will prepare a comprehensive plan. 3. The Governor will be in charge of all counties in case of war. 4. Emergency measures will be directed through a Civil Defense organization and coordinated by the National Security Council.

There are six CD areas in North Carolina, said Col. Whatley, which follow the geographical lines of state highway maintenance areas, and a plan of evacuation has been worked out for seven cities in the state.

An agreement has been reached with the state of Tennessee to take 270,000 people into North Carolina in the event of an emergency, and Watauga county will be asked to take 20,000, he said.

The state CD office has prepared a "prototype survival plan" and forwarded it to Civil Defense directors of each county. This plan also outlines the support this county will receive from Federal and State governments, and adjoining areas.

There are four time phases provided for in the plan, Col. Whatley said. 1. Strategic phase, if war is declared but we are not yet attacked. 2. Tactical phase, when warning of attack is received. 3. Attack without warning. 4. Post-attack phase.

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The Watauga county advisory council is composed of Mayor Gordon H. Winkler, Fred Hatley, the Rev. George Arthur, Dr. G. K. Moose, Dr. D. J. Whitener, Stacy Eggers, Mrs. H. W. Wilcox, L. E. Tuckwiller, W. R. Winkler, W. Guy Angell, Dr. W. M. Matheon, and Mayor R. B. Hardin of Blowing Rock.

Although the county organization is not yet completed, Dr. Harmon announced that the coordinating staff has been named as follows: Personnel, I. S. Ayers; Intelligence, James A. Greene; Operations, C. P. Teague; and Logistics, Donald W. McCracken.

Attorney L. H. Smith is legal advisor, Rev. Mr. Arthur is in charge of religious affairs, Supt. Dave Mast will direct the Welfare service, Lionel Ward is warden, and R. D. Hodges is in charge of the Supply service.

Appointments to complete the organization will be made in the near future, said Dr. Harmon.

2,000 To Attend NCEA Conference

The Annual Convention of the Northwestern District of the NCEA meets in Boone on Friday, September 26. This is the first convention of the reorganized district, although 35 previous district conventions have been held.

Boone plays host to the convention for the first time and 2,000 teachers, principals, supervisors, superintendents, and other local personnel from the 11 counties comprising the district.

The day-long meeting is one of ten NCEA district meetings scheduled for this fall as a part of the NCEA's in-service training and professional development of members of the teaching profession.

Robert E. Woodside, Crossnore, will preside over the General Session scheduled on the campus of Appalachian State Teachers College. Other district officers are: Mrs. Celeste Huffles, Lenoir, Vice-President; Mrs. Margaret Gragg, Boone, Secretary; and Esther Howard, Lenoir, NCEA Director.

Dr. Cameron Ralston, former Director of Public Forums, United States Department of Interior, will deliver the principal address at the General Session. Dr. Ralston is the Executive Secretary of the Chicago Committee of One Hundred.

Others appearing on the General Session are: The Reverend J. K. Parker, Jr., Pastor, First Presbyterian Church, Boone; Dr.

W. H. Plemmons, President, Appalachian State Teachers College, Boone; Esther Howard, NCEA Director, Northwestern District NCEA, Teacher, East Harper School, Lenoir; Dr. Charles F. Carroll, State Superintendent of Public Instruction, Raleigh; Glenn Robertson, NCEA President, Principal, Beulah School, Mount Airy; and Mrs. Eitel P. Edwards, NCEA Executive Secretary, Raleigh.

will speak to the superintendents.

During the afternoon through speeches, panels, demonstrations, and discussions, members of the departments will attempt to improve the curriculum and the techniques of teaching. Included will be such items as: "The Role of Agriculture in North Carolina Economy," by Harry Caldwell, Master, North Carolina State College, Greensboro; "Classification of Children in the Elementary School" by A. B. Gibson, Superintendent, Lenoir County Schools, Lenoir; "New Trends in Teaching Mathematics," by Mrs. Caroline Sydney, High School Mathematics Teacher, Mount Airy; "Music in the Modern School" by Dr. Arnold E. Hoffman, State Supervisor of Music, State Department of Public Instruction, Raleigh; observation of college classes in art; panel discussions on "French and Spanish in the High School" and "Problems Frequently Encountered by High School Science Teachers;" and a lecture on social studies by Dr. D. J. Whitener, Appalachian State Teachers College, Boone.

Each division and department will elect officers for the coming year during the business sessions.

The district includes the following eleven counties: Alexander, Alleghany, Ashe, Avery, Burke, Caldwell, Mitchell, Surry, Watauga, Wilkes, and Yadkin.

Development Board Maps Meeting Plans

The board of directors of the 11-county Northwest North Carolina Development Association held its monthly meeting here at the Daniel Boone Hotel last Friday.

President Atwell Alexander of Alexander County presided, and Secretary-Treasurer Neil Bolton of Winston-Salem gave the treasurer's report.

Watauga County members of the board are O. K. Richardson, L. E. Tuckwiller, and W. R. Winkler.

Reports of activities and progress were heard from chairmen of the main divisions of the association. Agriculture, Industry, Travel & Recreation, and Community Development. Prizes are awarded each year to communities showing the most progress in community development.

Plans were also discussed for the annual meeting of the association, which will be held as usual at the YMCA in Elkton, on December 4th.

It was announced that efforts will be made to have at least 50 persons attend the annual meeting from each of the eleven counties. Advance tickets will be placed in the hands of board members, to be sold and reported prior to the meeting in order that planners will know how many to prepare for. About 750 persons were in attendance at last year's meeting, President Alexander said.

Personnel of committees set up to prepare for the annual meeting were announced. Wataugas named to these committees are as follows: Arrangements committee, O. K. Richardson; welcoming committee, L. E. Tuckwiller; attendance committee, O. K. Richardson (Chairman); entertainment committee, W. R. Winkler, chairman); A. T. Adams and Dr. W. H. Plemmons; and publicity committee, R. C. Rivers.

The musical portion of the entertainment will be furnished by Appalachian State Teachers College.

Mrs. Sue Taylor Murray of Valle Crucis, manager of the association-sponsored Trading Post, located on the Blue Ridge Parkway near Glendale Springs, reported that the new tourist attraction has been quite well received and patronized by the public in its first year of operation. She said she has received many letters from people in several states commending the new facility and complimenting (Continued on page three)



PAST MASTERS—Seven of the fifteen past masters of Snow Lodge were present Friday night at a meeting honoring them. They are, front row, left to right, T. M. Greer, J. D. Shoemaker, J. D. Winebarger, Hoyle Davis; back row: A. R. Smith, Dr. J. T. C. Wright and Floyd Brewer.—Staff photo Joe C. Minor.

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Winebarger Is New Head Election Board

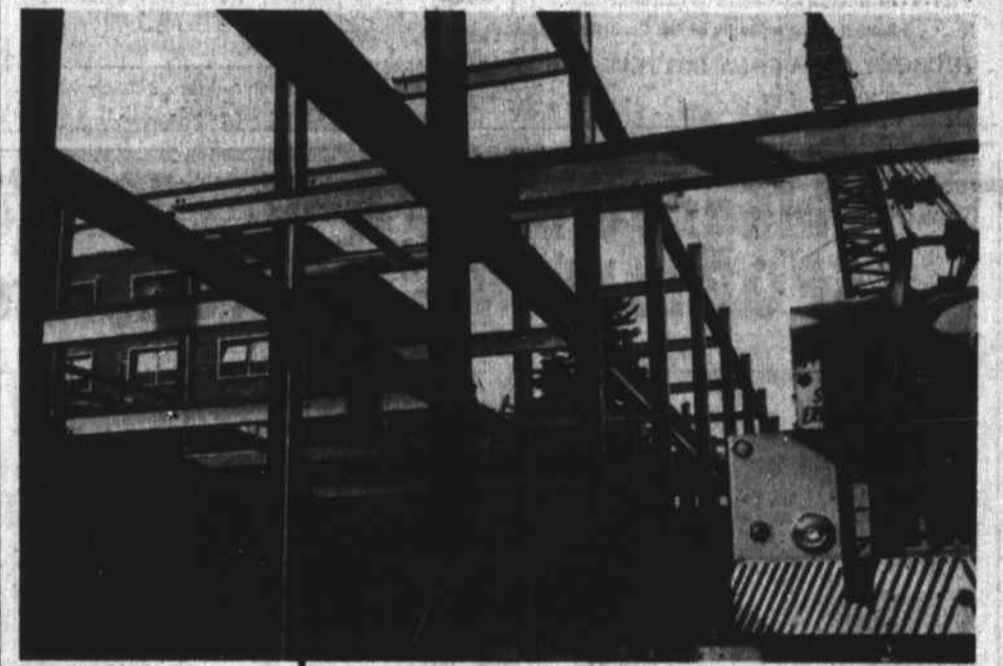
Mr. J. D. Winebarger was elected chairman of the Watauga County Board of Elections at a meeting held last Friday, to succeed R. T. Greer, resigned.

Mr. Greer, who had occupied the chairmanship since 1942, gave poor health as the reason for his retirement from the chairmanship. However, he remains on the board and was named Secretary.

Eure To Speak As Democrats Hold Barbecue

Thad Eure, Secretary of State will be the principal speaker at the Democratic barbecue to be held at the Horn in the West picnic area Saturday, October 4 at 6 o'clock, according to C. H. Hendrix, Democratic county chairman.

Representative Hugh Alexander will also be present for the first public gathering of the current political campaign, Mr. Hendrix said. Senator Sam Ervin has also been invited.



DORM GOING UP.—Steel framework of the new wing of East Hall at Appalachian State Teachers College, is set in place, as the college attempts to alleviate the space problem for its women students. When completed, the wing will house 174 students, raising the capacity of East Hall to 400. The first floor will house recreation and parlor facilities, while the other four stories will be used for dormitory purposes. Occupancy is expected to take place next fall.—Staff photo Joe C. Minor.

Needs In Educational System Outlined By Angell To PTA

The Boone Parent Teachers Association was told Monday night of the urgent needs in Watauga county for an improved educational program and proposed action of the State Legislature in 1959 in regard to the educational system.

W. Guy Angell, superintendent of Watauga County Schools, spoke before a large number of parents, teachers and school friends at the annual supper meeting of the PTA honoring the teachers of the high school and elementary school in Boone. The meeting was held in the cafeteria of Boone Elementary School, and food was furnished by parents of students.

Cooperation between school patrons and school authorities and teachers was cited as one way to get the many things done that should be done for the school children. Active interest by parents in what is happening in Watauga county schools to give equal opportunity to all students is needed to make the educational program more effective.

Mr. Angell pointed out shortages in classroom personnel and inadequate curriculum as an immediate problem which should be remedied. This will have to be brought about by adequate tax structure,

he said.

Several instances were noted by Mr. Angell in which the county had furnished money to make up state deficits in order to bring the local schools up to certain standards. Classroom aids, reading material, janitorial services were some of the things mentioned.

In the matter of legislative action, Mr. Angell said that the lawmakers will be confronted with several problems concerning the state's schools. They are expected to consider a salary increase of about 10 percent for all school personnel.

A need for specialists in the fields of guidance and counseling will be brought before them, and at least one person will be needed in Watauga county for that work if the program goes through.

Two hundred more full-time librarians will be needed to provide minimum adequate service for the schools. Watauga has only two full-time librarians in its schools, and both of them are in the Boone schools, and are paid by Appalachian State Teachers College. In the other schools teachers of other subjects are operating (Continued on page eight)

Court Tries 55 Cases; May Adjourn Today

The September criminal term of Watauga Superior Court convened Monday with Judge Hugh B. Campbell, of Charlotte, presiding.

Fifty-five of the 110 cases on the docket had been disposed of by noon Tuesday, mostly involving traffic and liquor-law violations and larceny. There were no major crimes scheduled to be tried at this term. Continuances have been granted in a number of cases.

Clerk of Court Austin E. South said it probably would be Thursday or Friday before the docket is cleared and court adjourned.

A list of the judgments rendered will be published next week.