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Sept. 23	73	54	64		64	61
Sept. 24	73	53	65		67	43
Sept. 25	79	49	73		72	37
Sept. 26	80	57	72		76	43
Sept. 27	78	63	53		65	49
Sept. 28	82	48	50		81	37
Sept. 29	64	35	54		49	38

## Watauga Teachers Elected

Several teachers and school officials of Watauga County public schools were elected to division and departmental offices of the North Eastern District NCEA when more than 2,000 teachers attended the all-day district meeting in Boone Friday.

Speaking to the teachers at Appalachian State Teachers College, Glenn Robertson of Surry county, president of NCEA, said the association and United Forces for Education are striving to "obtain top dollar from the 1959 General Assembly."

Mr. Robertson assured his audience that NCEA aims include clerical assistance and five-day sick leave in addition to the 10 per cent salary increases proposed by the State Board of Education.

Robert E. Woodside of Crossnore, is district president, and he presided over the sessions.

Other speakers included Dr. Cameron Ralston, former director of Public Forum, U. S. Department of Interior; A. B. Gibson, superintendent of Laurinburg city schools, who spoke to the elementary education teachers; and Dr. I. E. Ready, director of a statewide curriculum study which was made possible by a Richardson Foundation grant, who spoke to the Directors of Instruction Division.

Watauga teachers elected to office include:

John Howell, principal of Appalachian Elementary school, vice president of the principals division.

W. Guy Angell, Watauga superintendent of public schools, president of the superintendents' division.

Mrs. Dessa Mae Edmisten, supervisor for Watauga schools, vice president of the directors of instruction.

John A. Pritchett, Jr., head of the audio-visual dept. at ASTC, president of the audio-visual dept.

Carl Day, teacher at Appalachian Elementary, secretary of the audio-visual dept.

Fred Poplin, Blowing Rock High, vice president of the English dept.

Mrs. Grace Mast, Cove Creek High, secretary of guidance dept.

Mrs. Doris V. Banner, Cove Creek High, vice president of the mathematics dept.

Mrs. Cleone Hodges, of ASTC, vice president of health, physical education and recreation dept.

Carter Lentz, Blowing Rock High, secretary of health, physical education and recreation.

Mrs. Joyce Davis, Cove Creek High, president of home economics dept.

Mrs. Grace Council, ASTC, president of elementary education, and Mrs. Ralph Buchanan, secretary.

Verlin Coffey, Appalachian High, president of modern foreign languages, and Mrs. M. L. Walters, ASTC, vice president.

The complete list of division officers, listed in order of president, vice president and secretary for the year will be:

Principals division: H. M. Finch, Mount Airy; Mr. Howell; R. Paul Buehannan, Yadkinville.

Superintendents: Mr. Angell, W. K. Anderson, Newland; N. H. Carpenter, Elkin.

Classroom teachers: Mrs. Stella B. Brown, Lenoir; Ralph A. Abernethy, Jr., Drexel; Carlie M. Snyder, Morganton.

Directors in instruction: Otis R. Peterson, Morganton; Mrs. Edmisten; Miss Marie Hargood, Yadkinville.

Department officers in the same order, will be:

Science: Dan Stallings, Wilkesboro; Mrs. James Randleman, Jonesville; Mrs. John V. Idol, Millers Creek.

Audio-Visual: Mr. Pritchard, Harry M. Jensen Sr., Rutherford College; Mr. Day.

English: Mrs. Betty Jean Hughes, Boone; Mr. Poplin; Mary Eliason, Banner Elk.

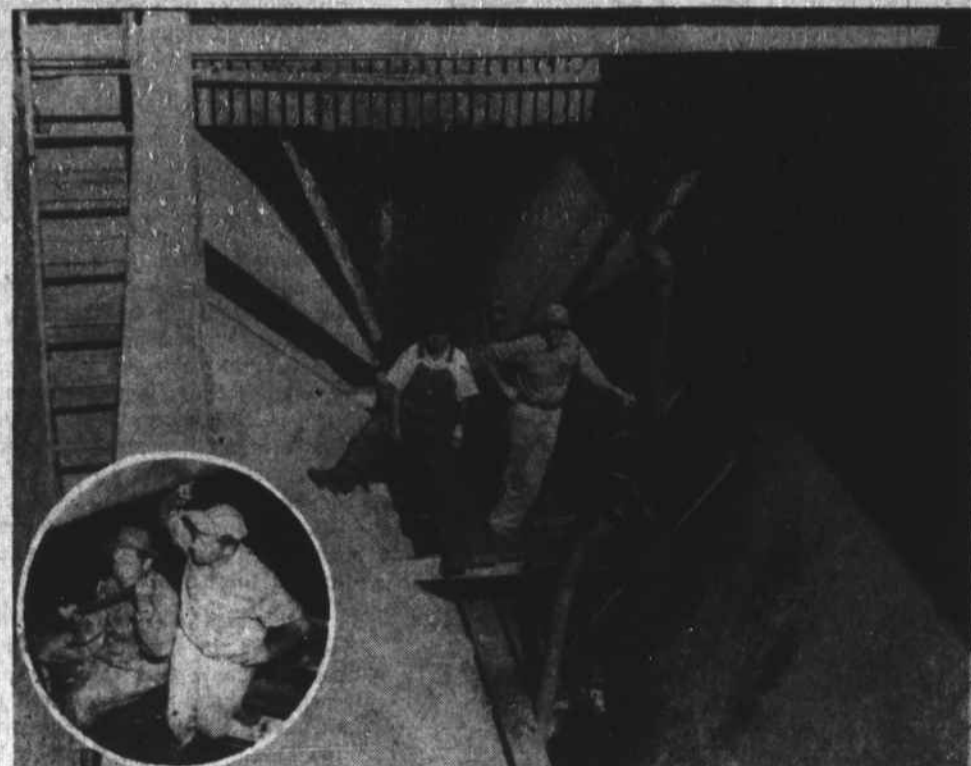
Guidance: Mrs. Virgil Greene, Deep Gap; H. T. Conne, Morganton; Mrs. Mast.

Agriculture: Charles Fortune, East Bend; R. R. Fowler, Morganton; W. D. Killian, Stony Point.

Industrial education: Claude Eldridge, Elkin; George Williams, Mount Airy; Alexander F. Neely, Morganton.

Mathematics: Edwin Troy Carpenter, Moravian Falls; Mrs. Banner; Mary Speer, Jonesville.

Health, physical education and recreation: Miss Doris Dixon, Le...



CLEAN TOWN DISPOSAL PLANT.—Carl Teague, left, superintendent of Boone's water department, stands with Frank Triplett at pump used to clean the town's septic tank last week. Inset shows Sam Lutz, left, and C. P. Deal on special raft built by Mr. Triplett to use in the operation. The tank's measurements are 32 feet deep x 45 x 90. "Digestion chamber" is below pump, and contained 12 to 14 feet of sludge, which had to be pumped out. The baffle boards (top, center) were repaired while the water was out of the tank.—Staff photos by Joe Minor.

## Municipal Septic Tank, Hampered By Sand Seepage, Is Reconditioned



MRS. L. H. OWSLEY

### Heads Area Blood Effort

Mrs. L. H. Owsley of Boone has been named chairman of the quota and scheduling committee for the Red Cross Charlotte Regional blood program, according to word from Dr. A. W. McMurry, chairman.

In this capacity Mrs. Owsley will serve as representative of Chapters in Alexander, Caldwell, Catawba, Iredell and Watauga counties.

### Bloodmobile At Methodist Church

The Bloodmobile will be at the Methodist Church in Boone Thursday October 9th from 11 a. m. to 5 p. m., rather than at the Baptist Church, as has formerly been the case.

## Bert Harwell Is To Open Lyceum Series

Bert Harwell, who photographed the sand hill crane section of Walt Disney's film "The Vanishing Prairie," will open the ASTC public programs series on Monday night, October 6, at eight o'clock in the college auditorium.

Mr. Harwell will present his color motion picture, "The Forgotten Country," dealing with the life of the unknown parts of the American West. Today, Mr. Harwell says, people drive through this "wonderful wilderness" or fly over it so rapidly that they see nothing, and it remains as unknown to most Americans as the surface of the moon. Mr. Harwell brings eighteen years of experience as an Audubon Society lecturer to the job of helping Americans know the wild life of their country.

Mr. Harwell is a graduate of the

The Town of Boone has completed cleaning its septic tank, near State Farm Road. Sand, which had flowed into the sewage disposal system, necessitated the cleaning.

According to town authorities, cleaning of the tank is not necessary except maybe once or twice in a lifetime, but sand in the huge cement "digestion chambers" had caused the system to function improperly.

Steps are being taken to keep sand out of the tank in the future. Traps will be built to catch the sand before it gets to the tank, Carl Teague, Water Department superintendent said.

According to G. P. Deal, of the Sanitary Septic Tank Service of Hickory, which did the work, 12 to 14 feet of sludge was pumped from the 32-foot deep tank. Several days were spent in the operation, and special equipment was needed because of the size of the job. Frank Triplett, of Perkinsville, who helped with the work, built a special "raft" from which to operate the sludge pump at the bottom of the tank.

Thousands of gallons of water were pumped into the tank to liquify the sludge and then pumped out. This operation was repeated over and over again until all the sludge was removed.

When the sand traps are built, if they operate as they are expected, it should be a long time before the tank needs cleaning again. Sand gets into the system through manholes and other places along the miles and miles of pipe line leading to the plant. This prevents proper purification of the wastes, according to Mr. Teague.

Mr. Teague said the drying pits, built along side the septic tank, has been cleaned also, and clean sand placed in them. The two "vats" are used, alternately, to dry the sludge pumped from the tank

after it has been properly "digested." The sun and air helps kill any bacteria which might remain in the sludge.

University of California and has served as Park Naturalist at Yellowstone National Park. As photographer and speaker Mr. Harwell has covered the entire United States as well as portions of South America, Canada, Mexico, and Hawaii.

Mr. Harwell's appearance at ASTC is co-sponsored by the college science department.

Admission to "The Forgotten Country" will be by public programs season ticket only. Season tickets, which also provide for admission to the later programs by Raymond Massey, Te Ata, the Grass Roots Opera, the North Carolina Little Symphony, and Playfers, Inc. will be on sale at the door on the evening of the Harwell program.

Now a junior at Appalachian High School, Buddy is planning to attend North Carolina State College, and major in electrical engineering after graduation.

Cove Creek Cannery Open One More Day

According to present plans, the Cove Creek Cannery will be open one more day, on October 10, R. G. Shipley has announced. If anyone needs the cannery open any additional days, they are asked to contact him, Mr. Shipley said.

# \$15,498.50 Being Sought By Watauga United Fund

## Drive To Get Under Way October 13

Plans have been completed for the Watauga United Fund campaign, which will be held from October 13th through the 25th, Dr. L. H. Owsley, president, has announced.

The goal of this year's drive has been set at \$15,498.50.

The "advance gifts" drive for donations from owners and managers of businesses is underway this week under the direction of Richard Morhauser, said E. Leo Derrick, co-chairman of the Campaign Committee along with Herman Anderson.

Area chairmen and solicitors have been appointed as follows:

Commercial Area 1, West Boone: Baxter Hardy, chairman; Clint Cannon, Vaughn Roten, and J. D. Cook.

Area 2, heart of business district: Jack Williams and James P. Greene, co-chairmen; Mrs. O. K. Richardson, Mrs. Tom Bartlett, Mrs. Billie Church, J. W. Beach, Mrs. Maude Kelley, G. C. Greene, Jr., Bob Congleton, Nick Stakaia, Harvey Trivett, George Moretz, Glenn W. Wilcox, Mrs. J. W. Winkler.

Area 3, East Boone: Mrs. Perry Greene, chairman; C. C. Cook, Mrs. W. C. Richardson, Paul Younce, Mrs. Abe Littleton, Mrs. Hadley Wilson, Phil Vance.

Area 4, East Boone: Ralph Tagman, chairman; Mrs. Tom Wright, Billy Ralph Winkler, Mrs. Bill Smith, W. G. Winkler, Carl E. Greene.

Area 5, South Boone: Hoyt Edmisten, chairman; Mrs. Ralph Greene, L. T. Tatum, Dwight Edmisten, Mrs. G. C. Greene, Jr.

Government agencies: Morris Barnett, chairman; Donald McCracken, State Highway Division; Mrs. Tom Winkler, Highway office; Jennings B. Robinson, court house; Marvin Rutchins, court house annex; Mrs. Nell Linney, post office; Ira Holt, Park Service; Mrs. R. E. Thomas, Health Dept. and garage.

Residential areas: Mrs. Frank Steele and Mrs. John Hollars, co-chairmen; Cecil Greene, Joe Houser, Jimmy West; Florence Robinson, Sara Lynn Blair, Mrs. Nina Martin, Mabel Brown, Carl

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## Hereford Sale Is Set For October 11

Announcement has been made of the 10th Annual Watauga Hereford Breeders' Association Show and Sale to be held next October 11th at Mountain Burley Warehouse No. 2 in Boone, N. C.

The show will get underway at 10 a. m. with the sale following at 1 p. m.

There will be 60 lots of horned and polled Herefords including 20 bulls and 40 heifers consigned by 11 Watauga breeders. Among those consigning cattle are Diamond S. Ranch, John Dugger, Clint Eggers, H. Grady Farthing, H. M. Hamilton, Jr., Council Henson, Charles M. Hodges, M. M. Hodges, Jones Hollar, Shipley Farm and W. H. Walker.

A special attraction at the sale will be the awarding of a registered Hereford heifer to the winner of a drawing. The heifer is being donated by W. H. Walker.

For full information and a sale catalog write L. E. Tuckwiller, Sale Manager, P. O. Box 193, Boone, N. C.

Officers of the Watauga Purebred Hereford Breeders' Association are B. W. Stallings of Boone, President, and Council Henson of Vilas, Secretary-Treasurer.

All interested farmers, breeders and others are urged to attend this sale which will offer some of the finest horned and polled Herefords in the state of North Carolina.



ON THE GOLF COURSE.—A part of the expanse of the Boone golf course is shown. Recent showers have aided the freshly sown grass, and where the seed has come up, a good stand is noted. First play on the new course is expected June 1.—Staff photo.

## Says Undergraduates May Be Trained Twelve Months A Year

By MICKEY HAGLER

While appearing before the Advisory Budget Commission last week, Dr. William Plemons asked that our campus be used in an experiment designed to train undergraduates twelve months a year.

The purpose of the experiment, as stated by the State Board of Higher Education, is to make our colleges serve many more thousands of students. This could be accomplished by converting the summer school session into a "fourth quarter" for undergraduate study.

The board suggested a proposal whereby a sum of \$200,000 might be spent in the next two years to test whether summer terms at one or more of the colleges can be converted to undergraduate education.

It was stated that "the undergraduate schooling should be made available for North Carolina students who have attended the college for one year with funds provided by the state on the basis of \$3.25 per student-quarter hour."

At present, the state gives only minimum financial aid for our summer school session. Plemons stated that since the school has to take on this added responsibility, we must usually make a reduction of the faculty, and the cost of the summer school is placed upon the student. We are handicapped also because without the full financial support of the state we are limited as to the number of students that we can accept in summer school.

Dr. Plemons said that "our campus would be an opportune one on which to try the experi-

ment. Even now about one-half of Appalachian's summer enrollment is composed of undergraduates."

Presidents Paul Reid of Western Carolina and John Messick of Eastern Carolina also supported the plan.

Questions were raised as to whether or not the \$3.25 per student quarter hour would be a sufficient amount, but this would be more than we are now receiving.

Dr. Plemons, speaking on behalf of A. S. T. C., also requested a public relations department. He argued that Appalachian has an obligation to inform the public of what the institution affords in teacher training.

He went on to explain that "some of the best qualified young people are not going to college at all. They are being frightened away by the costs of more expensive institutions. They need to know what they can get at Appalachian for less."

### G. N. Harmon Dies Friday

Graydon N. Harmon, 52, resident of Reese, died at the home last Friday.

Funeral services were held Sunday at the Green Valley Baptist Church. Rev. Noah Johnson was in charge of the rites and burial was in the church cemetery.

Surviving are the widow, two sons and four daughters; Stacy and Carol Harmon, Banner Elk; Glenda K. and Wilma J. Harmon of the home. There are six brothers and one sister.

## John Branch Is Topic Dr. Hoffmann Feature

The latest issue of the North Carolina Historical Review, published this month, included an article by Dr. William S. Hoffmann on "John Branch and the Origins of the Whig Party in North Carolina."

In the article Dr. Hoffmann showed that Andrew Jackson had a real fear of the political power of John Branch. Jackson reorganized his whole cabinet because he believed a dismissal of the popular Branch, the Secretary of the Navy and North Carolina's first cabinet member, would "arouse North Carolina against me." Branch did form a powerful faction after his "dismissal" and this group eventually combined with the original

enemies of Jackson to form the Whig party. Although most historians date the emergence of the Whig party in 1834, Hoffmann clearly shows that it had its origins in 1831 in the maneuvers of Branch after his dismissal.

Hoffmann's study of Branch is his sixth article to appear in a scholarly publication. The University of North Carolina Press will publish his first book, "Andrew Jackson and North Carolina Politics," which is scheduled to appear in November.

Dr. Hoffmann, a native of Statesville, is an assistant professor of history at Appalachian State Teachers College.



HORACE MCKINNEY

## McKinney To Be Revival Speaker Here

The Rev. Horace "Bones" McKinney of Wake Forest College will lead a series of revival services to be held at the First Baptist Church of Boone from October 5 through 10. The Rev. L. H. Hollingsworth, pastor, has announced.

Mr. McKinney will preach at both Sunday morning services, 8:30 and 11 o'clock, Sunday evening at 7:30 and each evening at 7:30 through Friday, October 10.

A former All-American basketball player at the University of North Carolina, the Rev. Mr. McKinney is head basketball coach at Wake Forest College, golf coach, associate minister of the Wake Forest Baptist Church, and assistant chaplain of the college.

He attended Durham High School, and N. C. State College, where he led the Southern Conference in scoring two years. After more than three years in the Army during World War II, he enrolled at the University of North Carolina, where he was named to the All-American basketball team.

From 1946 through 1952 "Bones" was player and coach for the professional Washington (D. C.) Capitals, and also played for the famous Boston Celtics.

During the closing years of his playing career, he was converted, and in 1952 he enrolled at Southern Seminary. Following his ordination to the ministry, he served as pastor of a Raleigh church before moving to Wake Forest.

The Rev. and Mrs. McKinney and their five children reside in Winston-Salem, now the home of

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