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BOONE WEATHER			
1958	High	Low	prec.
Nov. 18	75	54	63
Nov. 19	62	31	41
Nov. 20	56	32	45
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Development Group Planning '59 AC Program

The County ACP Development Group met November 17, and made recommendations for the development of the 1959 Agricultural Conservation Program.

A review of all the State practices was made and recommendations were offered for those practices which are most practical for the county.

Participating in this discussion were: County ASC Committee-men, Vaughn Tugman, Clint Eggers and A. C. Moretz; County Extension Agent, L. E. Tuckwiller; SCS Technician, Howard J. Williams; FHA Representative, J. B. Robinson; ASC Office Manager, M. L. Shepherd; Community Committee-men, Howard Cable, Collis Austin, E. V. Brown, Jr., Frank Cable, Ray Clark, J. W. Clawson, Joe L. Coffey, Sr., Willig Cole, Howell Cook, W. B. Day, Jake Eggers, Thomas Fairchild, Ned Glenn, Jack Henson, Fred Johnson, Joe McNeil, Loyd Miller, H. C. Moretz, Linville Norris, Gene Smith and C. R. Wilson.

Following this meeting the County Agent and the SCS Technician reviewed the suggestions and formulated the 1959 county program.

The following practices were selected and recommended for approval by the State development group:

Practice 1. Permanent pasture or hay. This practice is for the initial establishment of a permanent vegetative cover for soil protection or as a needed land-use adjustment.

Practice 2. Additional vegetative cover in crop rotation. This practice is for the establishment of additional acreage of vegetative cover in crop rotation to retard erosion and to improve soil structure, permeability, or water-holding capacity.

Practice 3. Liming materials on farmland. This practice is for the initial treatment of farmland to permit the use of legumes and grasses for soil improvement and protection.

Practice 5. Initial establishment of a stand of trees on farmland for purposes other than wind or water erosion.

Practice 6. Permanent pasture or hay improvement. This practice is for the improvement of established permanent vegetative cover for soil protection.

Practice 8. Forest improvement. This practice is for the improvement or establishment of a stand of forest trees.

Practice 11. Open ditch drainage. This practice is for the construction of permanent drainage ditches for the purpose of drain-

ing cropland or pastureland (including main and lateral ditches and open farm ditches, for which proper outlets are provided).

Practice 12. Tile drainage. This practice is for the installation of underground drainage systems to dispose of excess water.

Practice 14. Winter cover crops. This practice is for the establishment of vegetative cover for winter protection from erosion.

In addition to these practices the practice of spreading lime and fertilizer by airplane has been recommended for approval by the State development group.

The success of the recent demonstration in the Beaver Dam community has shown the feasibility of applying such materials on steep, hilly land. There are approximately 30 thousand acres of such land in the county which needs this treatment. Approval of such a practice by the State group would greatly implement the conservation effort in the county.

Practices carried out under the 1959 ACP before December 31, 1958 are being approved under the specifications and requirements of the 1959 program. These approvals are being made with the understanding that performance must be reported by this date.

A sign-up for 1959 spring practices will be held early in January.

Yule Lights Soon To Glow Along King

Vari-colored Christmas lights and decorations will be installed along and over the main business thoroughfares of Boone in time to be turned on at dusk on Saturday, December 6, it has been announced by R. D. Hodges, Jr., chairman of the Merchants Committee of the Chamber of Commerce.

Workmen will begin the installation of the lights not later than the first of the week, a spokesman for the town council said.

Supplemented by individual store lights, Yule decorations, and gay displays of gift merchandise, the business district of the county metropolis will again be transformed into a veritable Santa Claus land to aid and abet the Christmas spirit already beginning to manifest itself among residents of the county.

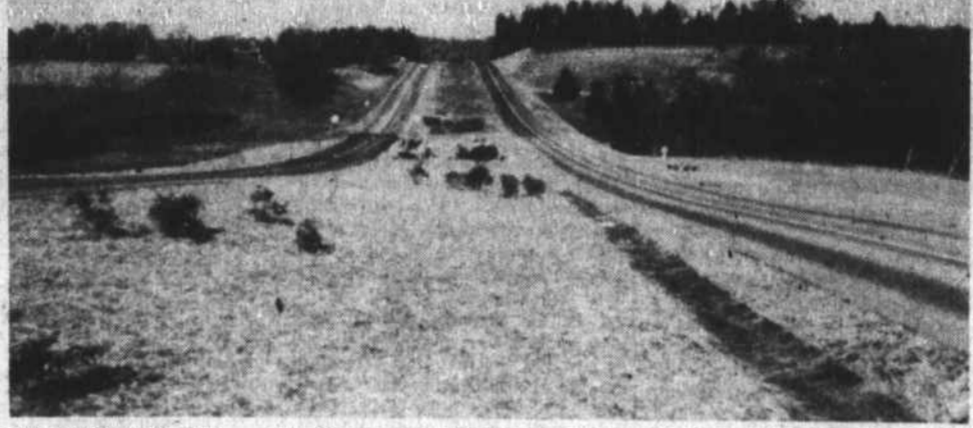
To Speak To War I Vets

Raymond A. Smith of China Grove, commander of the 9th District, Department of North Carolina, Veterans of World War I of the U. S. A., will be the chief speaker at a rally of World War I veterans here in Boone, Sunday afternoon, at 2:30 o'clock in the Watauga County Courthouse. All World War I veterans in surrounding counties are cordially invited to attend.

The Veterans of World War I, while a comparatively new organization of aging veterans, has made unusual success during the past three years in the membership campaign. Today there are more than 1560 local barracks with North Carolinas 96 barracks. Headquarters of the national organization is located in Washington, D. C., and by convention mandate they are pressing in the Congress for a pension for its veterans who are now averaging 64 years of age. During the 85th Congress a national charter was granted to the Veterans of World War I and signed by the President on June 18.

Commander Smith, who has charge of the 9th district stated that all indications now point to some form of pension during the coming session of Congress. These and some other legislative matters concerning World War I veterans will be discussed during the afternoon meeting.

STAYS AWAKE 95 HOURS
 Cape Town—Pat Greef, 36-year-old engine driver, won a "stay-awake" marathon in a store window by remaining awake for 95 hours. He fought off sleep by reading a thriller called "The Sleeper."



NEW PARKWAY LINK... New link of Blue Ridge Parkway, right, paralleling Route 421, left, gives the appearance of dual lane highway west of Deep Gap. The area between the two highways has been seeded and planted with rhododendron.—Staff Photo.

Prizes Are Awarded As City And Farm Week Observed

The Watauga County observance of National Farm-City Week, November 21-27, was highlighted Tuesday night by a barbecue chicken dinner in the Cove Creek gymnasium attended by more than 300 persons.

Presided over by Alfred T. Adams, chairman of the Watauga Rural Development committee, the meeting featured the presentation of community development awards, installation ceremonies for Boone Chamber of Commerce officers for the coming year, and an address by Dr. W. H. Plemmons, president of Appalachian State Teachers College.

The affair was sponsored by various rural and city organizations, including the Boone and Blowing Rock Chambers of Commerce, Boone Rotary Club, Boone Lions Club, Junior Chamber of Commerce, Junior Woman's Club, Garden Clubs, Watauga County Ministerial Association, Watauga Rural Development Committee, and community clubs of Cove Creek, Bethel, Valle Crucis, Mabel, Foscoe, Elk, Bamboo, and Silverstone.

Air Force In Need Of Pilots

Master Sergeant Joseph C. Hartsock, Air Force Recruiter from Lenoir, announced today the immediate need for pilots and navigators for the U. S. Air Force.

Applications are now being accepted for these two programs. If you are at least a high school graduate and interested in earning over \$5,000.00 a year, you are urged to contact Sgt. Hartsock who will be at the post office in Boone every Wednesday from 10 a. m. to noon.

Upon graduation from pilot or navigator training, you will be commissioned as a second Lieutenant in the U. S. Air Force, with unlimited opportunities for travel, promotions, prestige and many other advantages.

Other county awards went to Bethel, \$60; Bamboo, \$50; and Mabel, \$40, all in the rural farm division; and Foscoe, \$80, and Valle Crucis, \$50, in the rural non-farm division.

The Elk community, county winner in the rural farm division last year, changed its classification to rural non-farm this year, but did not enter the competition.

The prize money was donated by the Watauga United Fund, \$300, and the Blue Ridge Electric Membership Corporation, \$100. Judges were A. T. Adams, Mrs. R. H. Harmon, and the Rev. Hoyt Robertson.

App High Band Takes "First Chair" Rating

The Appalachian High School Band, "Boone's Ambassadors", were installed into the "First Chair of America" during a recent program held in the Appalachian High School.

The "First Chair of America" is an organization which recognizes the outstanding bands and directors in the country. They are selected from a national board, from state contest judges' opinions and from votes by other bandmasters in the state. Out of the 150 bands in North Carolina,

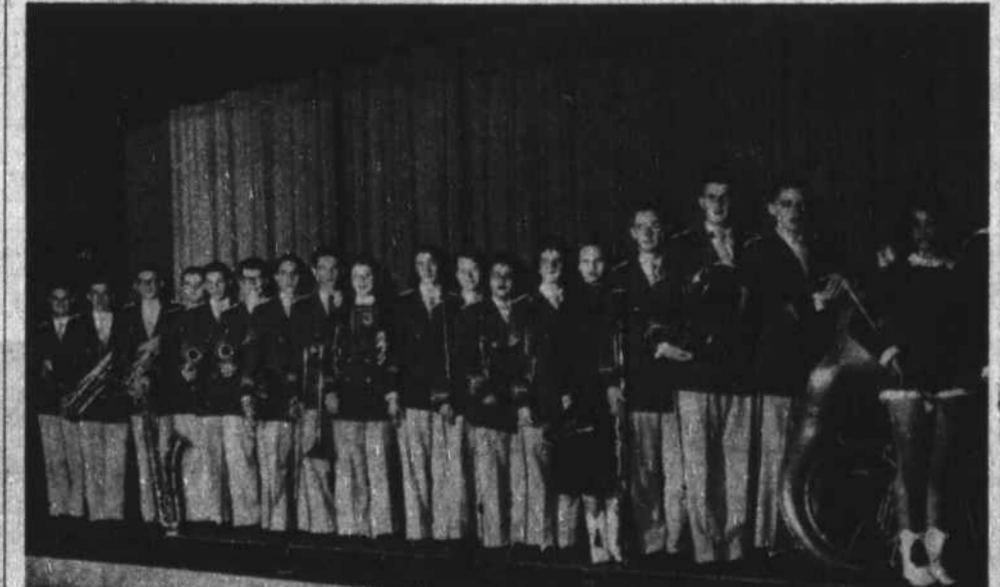
there were twelve presentations. There were slightly over 200 national presentations, or about 10 percent.

This is the first year the "Boone's Ambassadors" have been invited to belong to this national group and marks a new venture for the local musicians. For the honor of their name and picture to appear in the "First Chair of America" yearbook, members of the band are undergoing assignments and tryouts to determine the best player in each section.

He concluded by saying that as we count our blessings at this Thanksgiving season, we should include all these wonderful things, and give thanks for them.

Chamber Officers
 Dr. Leo K. Pritchett presided at installation ceremonies for the following Chamber of Commerce officers:
 John B. Robinson, president; A. T. Adams and R. D. Hodges, Jr., vice presidents; and Jack Williams, treasurer.
 Directors: Leo Derrick, G. R. Andrews, J. V. Caudill, John Corey, Herman Anderson, Richard Morhauser, Vance Howell, Wade E. Brown, J. B. Hagaman, Jr., Hugh Hagaman, Hal Johnson, Harold Rice.
 President-emeritus, Herman W. Wilcox, and the following honorary vice presidents: Dr. W. H. Plemmons, W. R. Winkler, Clyde R. Greene, and Stanley A. Harris.
 In the musical portion of the program, the Rev. John Gibson sang "The Ninety and Nine," accompanied at the piano by Miss Anne Cottrell.

The excellent barbecue chicken dinner was prepared by the Cove Creek High School lunch room personnel, and served by members of the Home Economics Club of Cove Creek High School.



FIRST CHAIR MEMBERS of the Appalachian High School Band, "Boone's Ambassadors," who were honored at the Appalachian High School in a program where the band was installed as a member of this national organization. Pictured from left to right are: Bobby Joe Winkler, percussion; Jimmy Goodnight, clarinet; Tad Buckland, alto saxophone; Landrine Eggers, baritone saxophone; Raymond Smith, cornet; John Lett, trumpet; E. Ford King, French horn; Richard Greer, trombone; Alice Cain, oboe; Carolyn Coffey, piccolo; Bob Cook, flute; Linda Mast, Eb clarinet; Jilda Creed, Bb clarinet; Hilda Tuckwiller, bass clarinet; John Buchanan, bassoon; Jerry McCracken, baritone; Robert Agie, bass; and Shirley Hampton, head majorette.—(Photo by Verlin Coffey.)

Weed Prices Break Records In Boone

Top Price On Frist Sale \$80 Hundred

Buyers on the Boone burley tobacco market paid the highest price in the history of the market on opening day here Monday, and surpassed every burley market in the state with an average price of \$65.14 per hundred pounds for the golden weed.

The local market sold a total of 247,368 pounds for \$161,149.86, according to figures released Tuesday by the Mountain Burley Warehouse Company.

Top price paid was \$80 per hundred, also a record high for a single basket.

Demand by buyers representing cigarette and export companies was strong, with only about 3 1/2 per cent of the day's offerings going to the Commodity Stabilization Corporation for the support price, it was reported.

There is always plenty of room on the floors of Boone warehouses for growers to unload their tobacco any time they care to bring it, said Joe L. Coleman, market manager, and with a sale every day, Monday through Friday, there will always be an absolute minimum of delay in selling the leaf at Boone.

A full set of buyers is again operating on the Boone market, and sales are on a 3 1/2-hour daily schedule, which permits sale of 1260 baskets or 302,400 pounds a day.

Volume was expected to be somewhat lighter for Tuesday's sale, due to dry weather conditions not favorable for handling and grading.

If care is exercised in handling and marketing, prices at Boone are expected to remain at a high level throughout the season.

The market will observe Thursday, Thanksgiving Day, as a holiday, but sales will be resumed on Friday.

Patrolmen Ask For Thanksgiving Care To Stop Death Rise



MISS ANN COTTRELL

Will Attend Chicago Meet

Ann Cottrell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Cottrell of Boone, student at Appalachian State Teachers College has been elected delegate and will attend a convention at Palmer House in Chicago, Ill. the latter part of December.

Deaths from automobile accidents dropped over the past week end in North Carolina to 10 as compared to an all year high of 24 on the previous week end. The toll, however, pushed the number killed on the state's highways as of 4 p. m. Monday to 948. This was just four below that of the same date last year when 950 had died as results of vehicle accidents.

Until the first of October, it appeared that deaths on the highways would be considerably less than that of the previous year. But since then 84 persons have died in road accidents, reaching the 24-peak-week end before last.

Following the heavy death toll last Monday, November 17, the State Highway Patrol authorities cancelled all leaves and vacations of its personnel, until "the trend is reversed."

Watauga County has had only one fatality this year to date, according to records of the local patrol office. Patrolmen Charles W. Mason and George E. Baker, who are stationed in the county, have hopes that this will not be increased. Last year, the worst on local record since 1945 for the county, a total of nine persons were killed. Seven of these deaths came before this date. Two of the fatalities took place just before Christmas, on December 21.

Travelers over the past week end noted increased use of "whammies" on the highways to check the speed of motorists, as the patrol employed every device and

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THE BURLEY LOOKS GOOD.—Inspecting a row of burley tobacco in Mountain Burley Warehouse No. 1 prior to the opening day's sale at Boone are Joe L. Coleman, market manager (right foreground) and a group of growers who have brought their burley, as usual, to the Boone market. Left to right are Lester Proffitt and Ward Miller of the Meat Camp section, Ray Trivette of Todd, Ed Pennell of Zionville, Carl Woodring of Todd, Mr. Coleman, Henry Moretz of Lenoir, Route 5, and Bynum Proffitt of Boone Route 2.

Polio Costs Continue High In Watauga, Says Dr. Reese

Polio costs continue to be high in Watauga County.

Obligations of approximately \$1200 have been incurred thus far this year by the Watauga County Chapter of The National Foundation in assisting with the medical care of approximately ten patients according to Dr. Gene Reese, Watauga Chapter Chairman.

"To help us meet these bills, a check for \$500 has just been received from the Medical Aid Fund of The National Foundation. Demands upon this fund have been so heavy," Dr. Reese said, "that payment of many of our bills will have to be deferred until after the 1959 March of Dimes."

"Few people realize how long drawn out and costly polio is" Dr. Reese said. "Some of the patients we are now assisting were paralyzed by polio as far back as 1944."

"We have actually had only five cases this year, but the previous costs are staggering!"

Watauga County's situation illustrates the national polio problem today, according to Dr. Reese. New cases have dropped since the advent of the Salk vaccine, developed through March of Dimes funds. But the cost of providing care and rehabilitation for "old" cases remains high. In 1957 some 90 per cent of all March of Dimes patient aid funds went to persons stricken with polio in previous years. This year the percentage will be about the same.

Dr. Reese urged all persons to complete their Salk vaccine shots. "The serious polio epidemic in Detroit this fall where there have been deaths and many people paralyzed, emphasizes the importance of everyone getting vaccinated. Many of those stricken were adults who had received no polio shots. Those who do not obtain the vaccine are almost criminal in their lack of personal responsibility."

Although we expect to fulfill our obligations to all polio victims," Dr. Reese said, "the National Foundation has now become an organized voluntary force in

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