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BOONE WEATHER			
1958	High	Low	Wind
Nov. 25	54	31	40
Nov. 26	54	36	46 .07
Nov. 27	47	24	32 .03
Nov. 28	49	28	42
Nov. 29	42	18	31 *.72
Nov. 30	29	16	23
Dec. 1	49	12	40

*Trace snow and sleet with rain.

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EIGHTEEN PAGES—TWO SECTIONS

Scouts To Give Out CD Cards

The Girl Scouts of Boone the U. S. A. announced that they would distribute in the schools wallet-sized cards summarizing civil defense preparedness actions which every American should know.

The distribution will be made by Girl Scouts of U. S. A. at schools in every State on Friday, December 5. It is being carried out in connection with the annual observance of Civil Defense Day, Sunday, December 7.

Girl Scout Councils across the Nation with a total membership of more than 3 and one-half million, are cooperating in the project with the Office of Civil and Defense Mobilization and with Civil Defense directors in every State.

The card which the Girl Scouts will distribute was prepared by the Office of Civil and Defense Mobilization. One side reminds the bearer to prepare a home shelter and an automobile evacuation kit, and what to put in each. It also lists five things to know and do for protection against enemy attack.

1. Warning signals and what they mean.
2. Your community plan for emergency action.
3. Protection from radioactive fallout.
4. First aid and home emergency preparedness.
5. Use CONELRAD—640 or 1240 on your radio dial for official instructions.

The other side of the card explains public alert signals, and what to do when either of them sounds.

The card was introduced by OCDM Director, Leo A. Hoegh, on a national television show (Dave Garroway's Today program) in April. Response was immediate and by the end of two weeks OCDM received orders for more than 12,000,000 of the cards. To date, the agency has distributed throughout the United States more than 22,500,000 cards.

Examples of the active part Girl Scouts are taking in Civil Defense preparation are:

In Mt. Vernon, Ill., Girl Scouts in cooperation with Civil Defense authorities conducted a census of children and took emergency training so that they would be able to give first aid to other children in case of disaster.

Pasadena, Calif., Girl Scouts are working at the Civil Defense Filter Center and serving as plane spotters on lookout towers.

In Detroit, hundreds of Girl Scouts took part in a mock emergency feeding demonstration. Similar mass feeding exercises have been carried out by Chicago Girl Scouts. Joint Girl Scout-Civil Defense training programs have been arranged in Gary, Ind., La Crosse, Wis., Flint, Mich., and numerous other communities across the country.

Mrs. Watkins Funeral Held in Wilkes County

Mrs. T. J. Watkins, 85, who had made her home with her daughter, Mrs. Frank Hagaman for five years, died at Wilkes General Hospital, North Wilkesboro November 20.

Funeral services were held at Bethel Church at Hays, N. C. November 22 and burial was in the church cemetery.

Surviving are five sons and two daughters: L. G., Earl, Russell, Avery Watkins, North Wilkesboro; Gwyn Watkins, Pilot Rock, Oregon; Mrs. M. W. Snyder, North Wilkesboro; Mrs. Frank Hagaman, Boone.

Whitener To Preside When Truman Speaks

When former President Harry S. Truman speaks in Raleigh this week end, at the meeting of the North Carolina Literary and Historical Association, Dr. D. J. Whitener, dean at Appalachian State Teachers College, will be the presiding officer. Dr. Whitener is the current president of the Association.

Dr. and Mrs. Whitener will leave for Raleigh on Thursday. At the dinner meeting to be held on Friday, December 5, Dr. Whitener will give the presidential address on the subject, "Education for the People". It is anticipated that President Truman and Governor Hodges will be present for this dinner and speech by Dr. Whitener.



TYPICAL SCENE ON BURLEY WAREHOUSE FLOOR

Patrol Continuing Crackdown Against Violators On Highways

Early Mailing Being Urged By Postmaster

Noting that the Christmas season is here, Acting Postmaster Lyle B. Cook today urged the public to begin sending Christmas mailings now.

He coupled this plea with a warning that the Post Office Department is unable to deliver or return about half a million parcels at Christmas time because of poor packaging or addressing.

He suggests several steps that can be taken by mailers to protect themselves against loss:

1. Check and revise mailing lists.
2. Type or hand-print gummed mailing labels.
3. Use complete address. Don't abbreviate. Include delivery zone number.
4. Use good quality mailing materials—strong cord, heavy wrapping paper, and so forth.
5. Get at least some Christmas parcels in the mails now with a notation that they are not to be opened until Christmas. This will minimize mailing problems during Christmas rush.
6. Plan to use insurance on all parcels.
7. Place both address and return address inside the parcel to assure delivery or return should something happen to outside addressed wrapper. (Address parcel only on one side).

Air parcels for overseas should be mailed immediately with a deadline of December 10, and all mailings for distant state should be mailed in advance of this date. Greeting cards for local delivery should be mailed no later than December 16 to assure delivery before Christmas Day.

The full cooperation of the public is absolutely essential in handling Christmas mail efficiently and economically and we solicit your continued cooperation during this pre-Christmas period.

We have on hand and will deliver to each patron in the near

future Local and Out of Town Labels to be used in bundling Christmas greeting cards and letters. The use of these labels will greatly assist in the proper and expeditious handling of your mail.

Rural patrons should take note of the fact that postal regulations this year require that stamps be placed on all greeting cards and letter mail during the month of December. Please be sure to buy in advance your stamps from your carrier and place them on your cards and letters before putting them in the box for collection.

All patrons who have any mailing problems are requested to contact their local post office for information needed.

The Boone Post Office will extend window service hours as the need arises to assure complete and prompt handling of Christmas mail.

FAIRNESS TO DULLES
Senator Mike Mansfield has pledged that Democrats have no intention of making a whipping boy out of John Foster Dulles, Secretary of State, in their review of foreign policy.

Mr. Mansfield, a member of the Foreign Relations Committee, said the Democrats "will meet Dulles on the issues, but we'll try and be as responsible in our criticisms as we have been in the past."

Master Billy Reese was a patient in Memorial Hospital, Chapel Hill, from Wednesday to Saturday.

Raleigh.—The recent crackdown by the State Highway Patrol on traffic violators has been so successful that "Operation Floodlight" will be continued through the rest of December, patrol Commander James R. Smith said Monday.

"Notwithstanding all the combined efforts of civic groups, law enforcement agencies and military organizations," Commander Smith said, "there are still those persons who persist in violating the traffic laws. Some apparently are indifferent to what the authorities are trying to do."

The patrol launched the crackdown after the week end of November 14-16, when a total of 28 persons lost their lives in motor vehicle accidents on the State's highways.

Patrolmen stationed in Watauga county have been spot-checking motorists for drivers' licenses, registration cards, and equipment. Except for several citations issued over the week end by the officers, the traffic scene has been quiet, and only one minor accident was reported as investigated by the local patrol.

During the five-day Thanksgiving period the death toll for the state dropped to 11. "Comparatively speaking," Smith said, "we think this is remarkably good." Thanksgiving day and the Wednesday preceding it went by without a single fatality being reported.

Commander Smith said the news media, civic clubs, city and county officers and other interested groups "have responded wonderfully well in making Operation Floodlight a success."

"Leaves of all patrolmen will remain cancelled over the week end periods the rest of the year," Smith said, "so that we will have full strength."

"Messiah" To Be Given Next Sunday



THE MESSIAH, which has become a traditional part of Christmas music for the college, as well as for the Town of Boone, will be given Sunday, December 7, at 6 o'clock at the First Baptist Church, by the Appalachian College Choir, under the direction of Mrs. Virginia Wary Linney. The College Symphony Orchestra, under direction of Nicholas Erneston,

will accompany the production. James Rooker will preside at the organ, and Walton Cole and Sandy Beam at the piano. Soloists will be Susan Mank and Florence Payne, sopranos; Susie Ford, contralto; Thad Moore, tenor; and Sandy Beam and Daune Best, baritones. The public is invited.

Beshears Is Named Head Of Watauga County Board

Winebarger, Thomas Get Positions

The first act of the new board of commissioners for Watauga county after being sworn in to office Monday was to name Bynum Beshears as chairman of the board. Mr. Beshears is from Brushy Fork township.

Other commissioners are W. C. (Bill) Lentz of Blowing Rock, and Ivan Dishman of Beaver Dam.

The swearing-in ceremonies for county and township officials, elected in November, took place in the courthouse, and was presided over by A. E. South, who had been re-elected clerk of court. Mr. South, of Boone, was administered the oath of office by Dave Hodges, a justice of the peace from New River.

The clerk then swore in the commissioners, Richard E. Kelley of Boone as coroner, Sheriff Ernest M. Hodges of Brushy Fork, and C. F. Thompson of Brushy Fork as surveyor.

Justices of the peace Dave Hodges of New River and A. C. Williams of Cove Creek were sworn in, along with constables Howard Coffey of Blowing Rock, and Howard L. Greene of Stony Fork. Other township officers are to be sworn in later by Clerk of Court South.

Dayton Winebarger of Meat Camp No. 1 township, was named by the commissioners as tax supervisor and county auditor. The two offices were filled the previous two years by Ivy Wilson as supervisor and Clint Cannon auditor.

Hubert G. Thomas, Laurel Creek township, was named tax collector, succeeding Orville Foster.

Leonard Beach of Zionville was made caretaker of the courthouse by the commissioners.

Sheriff Hodges, who had been re-elected to his office, re-appointed George Smitherman of Beaver Dam as deputy and jailer, and Emmit Oliver of Blue Ridge as deputy.

Jack Edmisten, who was elected as Watauga's representative to serve in the North Carolina Legislature, will go to Raleigh in January, where he will take the oath of office. He succeeds S. C. Eggers, whom he defeated in the recent election.

Out-going commissioners were Republicans S. Bynum Greene, Fred Hatley, and John Wellborn. All county offices are filled by the Democratic party this term. The office of Register of Deeds did not come up for election this year. Miss Helen Underdown, Democrat, was re-elected to the office in 1956 for four years.

Mr. Thomas Bingham, two daughters, three sons of Elizabethon, Tenn., Mrs. Homer Brown, Boone; Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Hayes and children visited Mr. and Mrs. John Earp Sunday.



BESHEARS



LENTZ



DISHMAN



HODGES



SOUTH



KELLEY



EDMISTEN

Northwestern Meet Next Monday Night

Soil Supervisor Election Is Being Held Here

The annual election for supervisor of Watauga Soil Conservation District is being held this week, December 1-6.

Ballot boxes are located in the following places:
County ASC office.
Cable Brothers Store at Cove Creek.
Deep Gap Post Office.
Harold Farthing's store at Bethel.
Jones' store at Sands.
Owen Little's store at Silverstone.
Howard Mast's store at Valle Crucis.

Henry Taylor, present chairman, has been endorsed by twenty-five farmers for nomination. Any registered voter in Watauga county can vote in this election.

District supervisors administer the soil and water conservation program of the Watauga Soil Conservation District. Other supervisors of the district are Tom R. Jackson of the Big Hill community, and Clyde Moretz of the Deep Gap community.

The Silverstone and Cove Creek communities, Watauga County winners of top community development awards in the rural farm and rural non-farm divisions respectively, will compete for awards with communities in ten other counties at the annual meeting of the Northwest North Carolina Development Association, to be held at Elkin next Monday night, December 8.

Fifty-five tickets to the meeting have been sold in the county, said O. K. Richardson, over-all ticket sales chairman for the 11-county association, and no more are available.

Due to lack of accommodations for some of those attending in previous years, only those having tickets will be admitted, Dr. Richardson emphasized. Each county was allocated a specific number to be sold in advance, he said, and those sent to this county have been sold.

Watauga County members of the association's board of directors for the coming year are W. Ralph Winkler, L. E. Tuckwiller, and Stanley A. Harris. Mr. Harris will replace Dr. Richardson, whose term is expiring.

U. S. Congressman Brooks Hays of Arkansas will be the principal speaker at the December 8 meeting, and the Appalachian College Glee Club will furnish the musical portion of the program.

Weed Prices Skyrocket

Records were broken again Monday when the Boone burley tobacco market paid an average price of \$67.46 per hundred for 295,052 pounds of burley.

Money paid out was \$199,636.96 to growers in Watauga and surrounding counties.

Season's figures to date were not available Tuesday, but a spokesman for the Mountain Burley Warehouse Company said Tuesday's sale would boost the volume of leaf sold thus far on the local market over the million-pound mark.

Rocketeer Foundation grants \$1,776,864 in 3 months.

Lees-McRae Movie To Be Shown At Appalachian On Tuesday Night

Lees-McRae College's new sound-color movie, "To Set Aglow a Sacred Flame," will be shown one night only, Tuesday, December 9, at Appalachian Theatre in Boone. The showing of the film was announced by the college's director of public relations.

According to the arrangement between R. E. Agle, general manager of the theatre chain, and Lees-McRae College, the film will be presented as a short subject, and in connection with the theatre's regular feature picture program.

The film, which includes scenes of "Tweetsie," Grandfather Moun-

tain, and Banner Elk, tells the story of the Reverend Edgar Tufts, a circuit-riding Presbyterian minister who came to North Carolina in 1895 and founder a hospital, orphanage and college for the mountain people.

Since the film is on 16mm width film—not the 35mm for which the theatre is equipped—a special projector will be installed for the showing. Despite the added expense involved, the theatre has indicated it will not advance its regular admissions for the showing.

The film, which has received wide publicity in newspapers, on

TV, and radio, is also available for church, school and other group showings. The showing at Boone's Appalachian theatre, however, is the only scheduled large-screen showing presently anticipated.

The cast of players for the film was recruited entirely from the students of the college and the townspeople of Banner Elk. A freshman student, David Britt, plays the role of Rev. Mr. Tufts in the film.

The picture was in production nearly four months. All of the pictures was made in western North Carolina.