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BOONE WEATHER			
1958	High	Low	5 pm. precip.
Dec. 2	57	35	.42
Dec. 3	49	36	.03
Dec. 4	50	32	.05
Dec. 5	50	32	.30
Dec. 6	37	30	.22
Dec. 7	39	10	.29
Dec. 8	37	15	.30
Total precipitation—.68 inch.			

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EIGHTEEN PAGES—THREE SECTIONS



Scenes like this appear daily in Boone as farmers bring their burley to Mountain Burley Warehouse for auction. Quality of tobacco has been good, according to reports, and growers seem satisfied with prices they are receiving on the local market.

## Many Wataugans Attend Development Assn. Meet

### Harris Named On Board Of Directors

Watauga County was represented at the annual dinner meeting of the Northwest North Carolina Development Association at Elkin Monday night by citizens from Cove Creek, from Silverstone, and the Appalachian State Teachers College Choir, and many citizens interested in the development of the area covered by the association.

The choir was there to furnish music for the supper, and Cove Creek was seeking honors in the non-farm division of the development association and Silverstone in the farming community division.

Cove Creek and Silverstone won out in the recent community betterment contest in Watauga.

Carrying away top honors, which carried cash awards, were King and North View from Stokes county and New Haven community of Alleghany county.

King won the victory in the small city, towns and villages division, and North View in the small farm division. New Haven received the non-farm community top honor.

Stanley A. Harris, of Sugar Grove, was elected to the board of directors.

Ashe County walked away with two of four special county awards, one for travel and recreation, the other for community development.

Wayne Corpening of Winston-Salem, a vice-president of Wachovia Bank and Trust Co., and head of the bank's agricultural department, was unanimously elected president of the association to succeed Atwell Alexander of Stony Point.

Other new officers are State Rep. Frank Bryant of Yadkin County and W. D. Halfacre of Wilkes County, vice-presidents.

Directors elected besides Mr. Harris were Henry Anderson and W. S. Gennett, Alexander County; R. L. Pugh, Alleghany; A. E. Addington, Ashe; W. R. Williams, Caldwell; Wayne Eaton and John Brock, Davie; Charles Wade, Forsyth; Mrs. O. L. Raines, Stokes; J. Sam Gentry and A. B. Carter, Surry; and Mrs. W. E. Brooks, Yadkin.

A speech by Rep. Brooks Hays (D-Ark.), president of the Southern Baptist Convention, was a highlight of the meeting. Hays, who was beaten for his Congressional seat in the recent elections by Little Rock segregationist write-in candidate Dr. Dale Alford, spoke on progress in the South and paid tribute to North Carolina in helping to point the way toward more prosperity.

The speaker stressed the importance of recognizing that the lives of Americans today are interrelated and interlocked with those in other parts of the world.

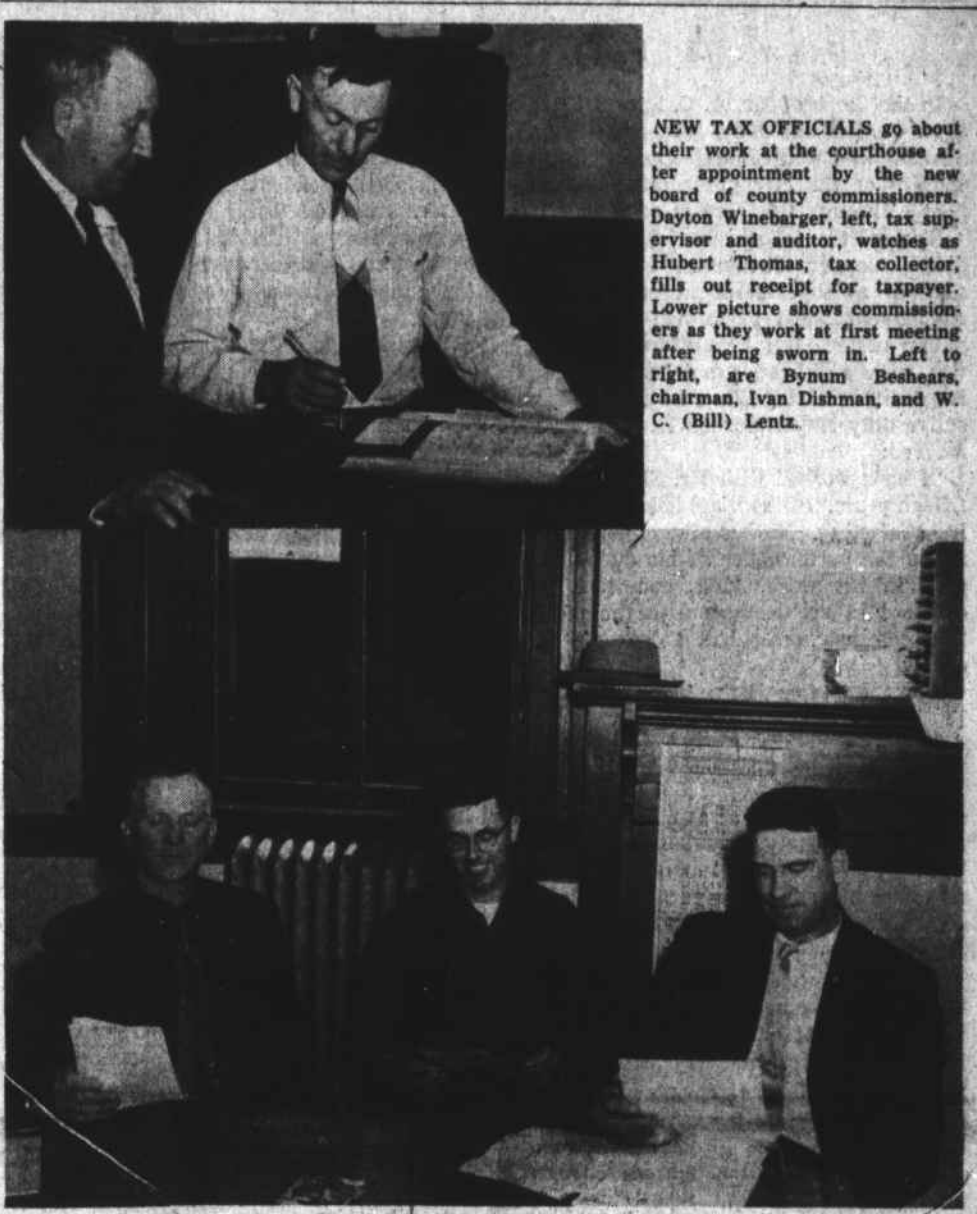
"The task of the moderate is to find the truth that the other man possesses and not to fall out with him in his error," he said. Hays said that as we confront those who do not understand and who have sometimes been hasty in dealing with us, we say to them, "Let us proceed, we who know the problem best."

He said he spoke out of a desire "to spare other states and other cities the thing that fell upon my own. I think there is a reservoir of good will north of the Mason-Dixon line we can draw on."

Rep. Hays was introduced by Representative Hugh Alexander, of the Ninth Congressional District.

J. K. Doughton of Sparta, speaker of the 1957 House of Representatives, was master of ceremonies. The president's annual report was made by Mr. Atwell Alexander, who said it is time to be proud and also a time of resolution, for the Northwest North Carolina Development Association has just ended five years of life.

He predicted that those five years would be "just a mile post on the way up." A complete list of winners in (Continued on page four)



NEW TAX OFFICIALS go about their work at the courthouse after appointment by the new board of county commissioners. Dayton Winebarger, left, tax supervisor and auditor, watches as Hubert Thomas, tax collector, fills out receipt for taxpayer. Lower picture shows commissioners as they work at first meeting after being sworn in. Left to right, are Bynum Beshears, chairman, Ivan Dishman, and W. C. (Bill) Lentz.

## Eight Colleges Send 83 To Take Part In Area Forensic Tourney



A. C. SHOEMAKE

### A. C. Shoemaker Dies Tuesday

Mr. Abner Charles Shoemaker, 75 years old, Boone's city water superintendent for more than thirty years, died Tuesday at 3 a. m. at Watauga Hospital, where he had been ill for several days.

Funeral services are to be conducted Thursday at 11 o'clock at the Middle Fork Baptist Church on Boone-Blowing Rock Road by Rev. Robert Shore, who will be assisted in the rites by Rev. E. F. Troutman, Boone Lutheran minister. Burial will be in the Hartley cemetery near the church.

Surviving are the widow, Mrs. Rebecca Andrews Shoemaker, three sons and one daughter: J. D. and Wade Shoemaker of Boone; Max of San Angelo, Texas and Mrs. Lonnie Hoover of Asheboro. There are nine grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

Mr. Shoemaker retired from active duty with the town last July 1, but was retained for some time as a consultant.

### FOREIGN AID

The Eisenhower Administration has tentatively added about \$1,000,000 to its new foreign aid budget despite a White House drive to cut Federal spending.

Government agencies have put together a package calling for about \$4,200,000,000 to \$4,300,000,000 in economic, technical and military aid to more than 40 friendly governments in the year starting next July 1.

In the 18th annual Appalachian Mountain Forensic Tournament, held at Appalachian State Teachers College Thursday through Saturday of last week, eight colleges sent a total of 83 participants.

Winners in the men's division of debate were Lenoir Rhyne College, first; Duke University, second; and Appalachian, third.

In the women's division of debate, winners were the University of South Carolina, first; Lenoir Rhyne, second; and Appalachian, third.

Chosen as best debaters were (men) Kermit Turner, Lenoir Rhyne, first; Charles Crocco, Duke, second; and Harold Phillips, East Tennessee, and Dave Pierce, Maryville, Tenn., third (tie). Women—Sybil Sharpe, Lenoir Rhyne, first; Claudia Brittain, Appalachian, second; Anna Keitt and Kay Glennin, both of the University of South Carolina, third (tie).

Winners in extempore were listed first, second, third in that order: Men—Ralph Kornegay, Lenoir Rhyne; Clay Hopkins, Mars Hill; and Harold Phillips, Women—Judie Brittinger, Lenoir Rhyne; Martha Dell Clark, East Tennessee; and Kay Glenn, South Carolina.

Oratory winners (men)—Richard Roseman, Lenoir Rhyne; Donald Leo, Maryville. (No third). Women—Sybil Sharpe, Lenoir Rhyne; Anna Keitt, South Carolina; and Judy Null, Maryville.

Poetry reading (men)—Dave Pierce, Maryville; Warren Koploctz, East Tennessee; Lewis Hudson, Mars Hill. Women—Sybil Sharpe, Lenoir Rhyne; Nancy Carroll, Mars Hill; Judy Null, Maryville.

Problem solving (men)—Charles Routh, Duke; John Brehm, Maryville; Ralph Kornegay, Lenoir Rhyne. Women—Judy Brittinger, Lenoir Rhyne; Rosa Lee Bruce, East Tennessee; and Margie Wilhoit, South Carolina.

The tournament was conducted by Leo K. Pritchett, professor of social studies and coach of forensics at Appalachian.

## Burley Mart Reaches Top Average \$66.92

The Boone burley tobacco market had its heaviest volume of the season and again the highest average of any burley market in the state Monday when 302,364 pounds sold for an average price of \$66.92 per hundred.

Money paid out to growers tallied \$202,243.39 on Monday's sale, said a spokesman for the Mountain Burley Warehouse Company.

Through the first ten selling days the Boone market has sold 1,737,340 pounds of burley, which is more than half the total poundage sold in the entire 1957-58 season, it was announced.

The market will recess for the Christmas holidays at the close of sales on Friday, December 19, and will resume on Monday, January 5.

Funeral services were held Sunday at 2 o'clock at the Hopewell Methodist Church by Rev. W. W. Woodard, assisted by Rev. E. F. Troutman, Lutheran minister, and burial was in the church cemetery. Survivors include the widow, Mrs. Myrtle G. Norris, three sons and one daughter: George C., Bobbie J. Norris, Pulaski, Va.; Thomas M. Norris, Route 2, Boone; Georgia Gail Norris of the home. There are six brothers: Carl Norris, Towanda, Pa.; Lawrence Norris, North Wilkesboro; Clifford Norris, Princeton, W. Va.; Clint Norris, Covil, W. Va.; Mack Norris, Newark, Delaware; Bynum Norris, Route 2, Boone. There are three sisters: Mrs. Herman McNeil, Mansfield, Pa.; Mrs. Hercul Hyton, Richmond, Va.; Mrs. Thomas King, Mountain City, Tenn.

## Geo. Norris Rites Sunday

George Smith Norris, 49, died December 5 at his home Boone, Route 2, from a sudden illness. A heart attack was presumed to have been the cause of his demise. Mr. Norris had been head orderly at Watauga hospital for 3 years.

## Mrs. Carroll Funeral Held

Mrs. Zora Miller Carroll, age 71, of Triplett, died Wednesday, December 3, at 2:45 p. m. in the Blowing Rock Hospital after an illness of two weeks.

She was born in Watauga County, August 29, the daughter of Thomas Miller and Nancy Watson Miller.

Her husband was the late Wil (Continued on page four)



Lights in Boone give the main thoroughfare a festive look. The gay-colored bulbs were set aglow Saturday night to herald in the season.

## Edmisten Tries For Morehead Scholarship



RUFUS EDMISTEN

Rufus Edmisten has been selected the 1959 candidate for Watauga County to compete for the Morehead Scholarship to the University of North Carolina.

He was selected by the Morehead Scholarship Committee for Watauga County, composed of local citizens, from a group of six boys nominated by the county's high schools. In January he will appear before the District Committee for further interviews. Each of the seven state districts may select six boys to go before the Central Committee in March for the final round of competition.

Rufus is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Edmisten of Boone. During his senior year at Appalachian High School, he is serving as president of the student body, ex-officio president of the student council, and president of the Future Farmers of America. Last year he went as far as the state semi-finals in the F. F. A. Speaking Contest. During his first three years of high school, he was president of his class. In the sports field he has been active in both football and wrestling. His most recent honors were being selected a Rotary Boy of the Month and also Mr. Appalachian of 1959.

## Three Persons Hurt In Crash On 421

Three persons were injured Saturday morning when the car in which they were riding overturned after attempting to pass another, about three and a half miles east on Boone on Highway 421, near Sunset Motel.

According to the report, Gwynn Albert Gentry, 24 year old negro of Fleetwood, was headed west toward Boone, when a car, driven by Mrs. Faye Miller Ford, 19, of Blowing Rock, route 1, struck his car and forced him off the right side of the road, where it struck a fence.

Mrs. Ford told the investigating officer that a car struck her car from behind just as she was attempting to pass the Gentry car, causing her to lose control. Her vehicle went off the left side of the road and overturned.

No charges had been preferred in the accident, but an investigation continues, according to Patrolman Charles W. Mason, investigating officer.

Mrs. Ford suffered a sprained neck and contusions of the shoulder, and two passengers in her car were also injured. Carolyn Miller, 12, of Deep Gap, suffered a broken shoulder and scratches, and Thelma Miller, 40, of Deep Gap, had cuts of the scalp and nose as a result of the accident.

All three were carried to Watauga Hospital, and released after treatment.

## Damage to the Gentry car was estimated at \$200.00, and to the Ford car at \$500.00.

In another accident about 3:15 p. m. Sunday, Patrolman Mason charged the two drivers involved with driving on the wrong side of the road.

A 1957 Chevrolet, driven by Franklin Dean Austin, 24, of Marion, and a 1953 Ford driven by James Hal Parsons, 24, of Todd, collided on the Shulls Mills road near Highway 105. The vehicles, traveling in opposite directions, met in a curve and the front left corners of both vehicles being damaged.

Neither driver was injured, and the total property damage was estimated at \$200.00.

## Richard Shore Funeral Friday

Mr. Richard A. Shore, 83, resident of Tamarack, died at the home last Wednesday.

Funeral services were conducted at the home Friday by Rev. Stanford Miller, and burial was in the Potter cemetery.

Surviving are the widow, Mrs. Myrtle Sluder Shore and three daughters: Mrs. Geneva Shelton, Mrs. Reba Potter and Mrs. Selma Potter, of Tamarack. There are ten grandchildren.

## Yule Decorations To Be Women's Project

The Junior Woman's Club will again sponsor the Home Christmas Decorations Contest on Sunday, December 21st.

This is the fifth year the contest has been sponsored by the club with cooperation of the following organizations: The Home and Garden Department of Worthwhile Woman's Club, The Blue Ridge Garden Club, Appalachian Garden Club and Gardenettes. Judging will be on outdoor de-

corations, windows, doors, mantels, and children's decorations (by registration only).

The object of the contest is to encourage all home owners to participate thereby making the town and community more beautiful for the holiday season.

Anyone wishing to assure their decorations being judged should call Mrs. W. C. Richardson, Contest Chairman, AM 4-3795, before December 20.