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1958	High	Low	5 pm	prec.	1957—H-L
Dec. 16	42	16	37		48-42
Dec. 17	47	21	37		47-43
Dec. 18	42	28	34		41-39
Dec. 19	51	20	39		50-35
Dec. 20	46	26	26		53-42
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Dec. 22	35	20	42		60-36

\*Trace of snow.

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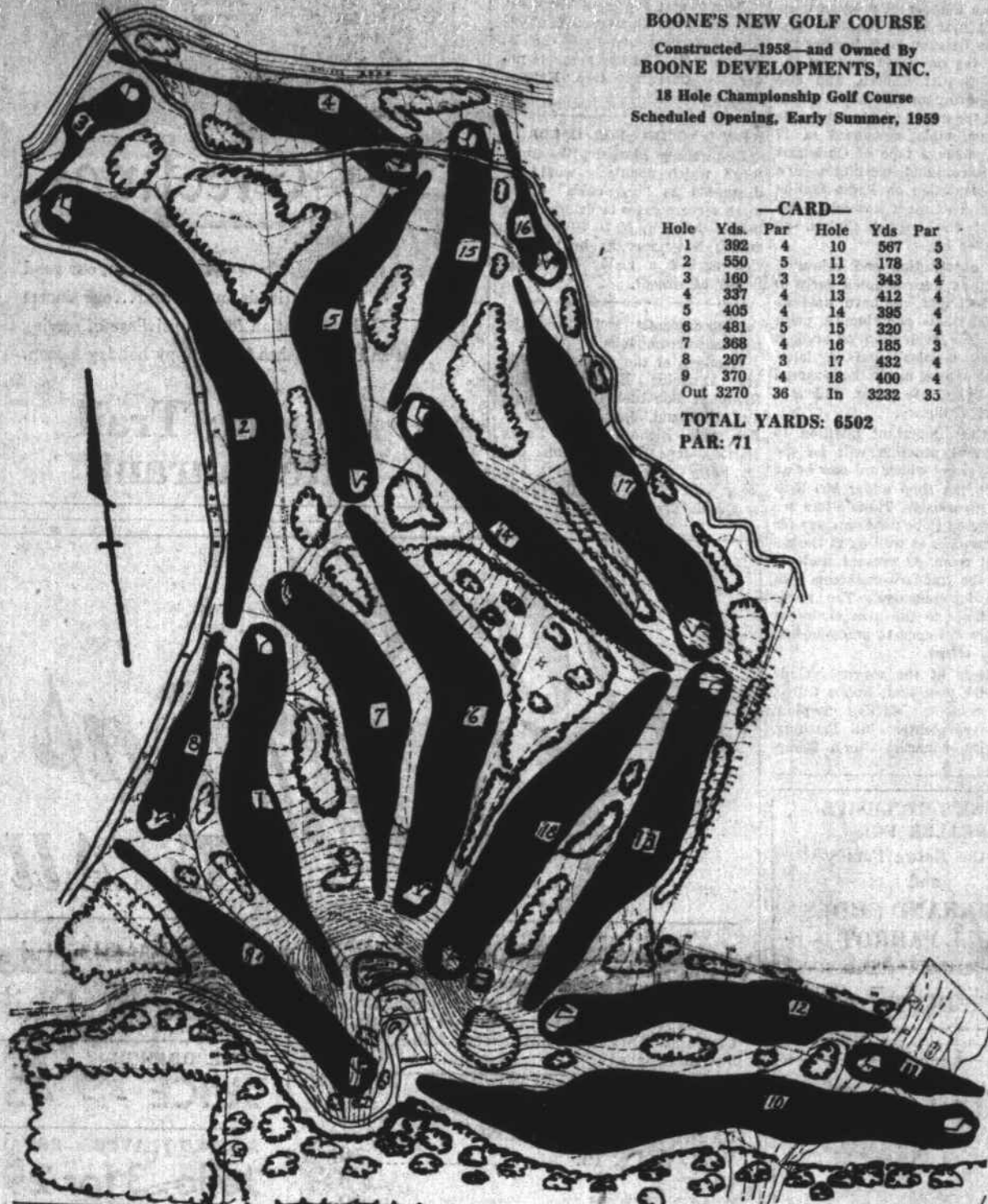
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### BOONE'S NEW GOLF COURSE

Constructed—1958—and Owned By  
BOONE DEVELOPMENTS, INC.

18 Hole Championship Golf Course  
Scheduled Opening, Early Summer, 1959



—CARD—					
Hole	Yds.	Par	Hole	Yds.	Par
1	392	4	10	567	5
2	550	5	11	178	3
3	160	3	12	343	4
4	337	4	13	412	4
5	405	4	14	395	4
6	481	5	15	320	4
7	368	4	16	185	3
8	207	3	17	432	4
9	370	4	18	400	4
Out	3270	36	In	3232	33

TOTAL YARDS: 6502  
PAR: 71

### CHERISHED DREAM FULFILLED

## Boone's New Golf Course Big Civic News Of Year

### Facility To Be Opened First Of June

By LEO DERRICK

When the Boone Golf Course opens to the public next summer it will be the fulfillment of a long and cherished dream by many townspeople.

The dream dates back to 1940 and, allowing for a normal spring, the projected opening around early June will bring to an end 18 years of futility and frustrating incidents that have accompanied local efforts to attain a course.

It took a world war to interrupt plans back in the 1940's and failure to come to terms on several properties has deterred work since. But Boone has its course now and nothing can stop it.

It is a beautiful layout situated less than 2 miles Southeast of town and the playing portion of the overall development occupies 150 acres of the most level land in Western North Carolina.

The 18 holes are stretched over 6502 yards and it is designated a championship, par 71 course. Three sets of tees, one each for the "scratch" golfer, the 90-shooter, and the ladies, affords appropriate length for all.

Ellis Maples, golf architect in charge of construction, said, "We will have the finest greens anywhere due to the fact that we have a select strain of bent grass for putting surface."

It will be unusual in two respects. Greens of the highly desirable bent grass variety are a

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QUEEN, KING.—Susie Sutherland, left, and Jack Walker pose with the snowman after being crowned Queen and King of the Christmas Dance by fellow students of Appalachian High School recently.

### Mark Hodges Is Improving From Injuries

Mark Hodges, 21, son of Mr. and Mrs. Russell D. Hodges of Boone, and a student at Wake Forest College, Winston-Salem, was critically injured early Thursday morning when the automobile in which he and another student were riding skidded on the ice, ran off the road and hit a tree in the 2000 block of Reynolda Road in Winston-Salem.

Mr. Hodges suffered head and chest injuries. Monday his condition was reported as improved. He had intermittently regained consciousness, and operations were being arranged on broken nose and cheek bone. Members of the family were highly hopeful for his recovery at that time.

James A. Knight, 21, of Guilford County, was in good condition. He suffered facial lacerations and possibly fractured ribs. He was the passenger in the car.

### Stores To Be Open Tonight, Wednesday

Many Boone stores, following a recommendation by the Chamber of Commerce, have announced that they will remain open Tuesday, and Wednesday nights for the convenience of Christmas shoppers who find it inconvenient to shop during the day.

A majority of the business places will be closed Christmas Day, and Friday, December 26, in observance of the Christmas holidays, said R. D. Hodges, Jr., chairman of the Merchants Committee of the Chamber of Commerce.

The Northwestern Bank will also be closed the 25th and 26th. The post office will observe a holiday schedule Christmas Day, with the windows remaining closed and no city deliveries made, said Acting Postmaster Lyle Cook. He added, however, that all mail will be received and dispatched as usual, and late-arriving Christmas packages will be delivered.

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### Will Get March of Dimes Aid



The "Three Faces of Crippling," for which 1959 March of Dimes is raising funds, are personified by (l. to r.) Jeffery Reil, 10, recovering from birth defect, Lois Telepak, 13, arthritis victim, and Regina Vaccaro, 5, polio sufferer, seen in front of 1959 March of Dimes campaign poster. Thousands of other afflicted youngsters will be helped "toward greater victories" by contributions to this year's new expanded program of the March of Dimes.

### Committees Are Named For March Dimes Effort

Chairmen of key committees for the 1959 March of Dimes were named today by Mrs. John Houck and Mrs. Joe Worth, county campaign directors. The expanded drive will be held here Jan. 23-31. The campaign director said chairmen and volunteer committees face a new challenge this year. Not only must polio aid be continued, but support must be provided for a greatly expanded health program launched by the National Foundation.

The campaign director described the new program as a flexible one that can move in any direction its research findings indicate. The organization's experience in the past has shown this to be the surest way to encourage scientific "breakthroughs," he said. Initially, however, the attack will be focused on polio, virus diseases, arthritis and birth defects. Patient aid will be offered to victims of arthritis and congenital malformations of the central nervous system through age 18. Polio aid will be carried on as before for all patients needing help.

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### Mysterious Origin Of Pipe In Tree Is Sought

A length of plastic pipe of mysterious origin, was found Sunday morning by Max Brown in the crotch of a 20-foot tree near his home just off Hodges Gap road. The pipe was about 70 feet in length and was two inches in diameter.

Mr. Brown notified the sheriff's department, but investigation failed to reveal the origin.

However, Mr. Brown and the sheriff theorized the pipe may have fallen or was thrown from an aircraft. Air activity over the area was comparatively heavy over the week end, and the length and bulk of the pipe seemed to discredit the talk of some that pranksters may have placed it there.

Marks about the pipe seemed to bear out this theory as one end of the pipe had apparently scooped out a groove about an inch deep and 16-18 inches long as it fell. If this is correct, the aircraft probably was traveling in a southwestern direction and had just passed over the business district of Boone.

There were no marks or broken brush about the tree to indicate that anyone had placed it there. The point of impact (or at least the place the pipe was in contact with the tree) was snagged, apparently from the force of landing. One limb of the tree was broken where it hit.

Mr. Brown and Guy Shirley retrieved the pipe, which was marked at intervals with the wording: "2" PermaSTD 52PS1". No other markings were on the pipe to indicate where it came from. Sheriff Ernest M. Hodges said Monday he had made an attempt to contact an Air Force base to check on the theory, but so far had been unsuccessful.

No one had reported any stolen pipe, and the cost of a piece of pipe the length of that found would seem to further rule out a prankster's trick, Mr. Brown thought. No gasoline odor was detected in the pipe, but it may have been part of a plane refueling hose.

### Dr. Huddle Dies Of Heart Attack In Fla.

Appalachian State Teachers college received word on Wednesday of the death of Dr. H. B. Huddle, head of the college's department of chemistry, which occurred in Coral Gables, Florida, on Wednesday morning. Death was the result of a sudden and unexpected heart attack.

This was Dr. Huddle's first year at Appalachian. He taught in the 1958 summer session, and was elected to the position of professor and head of the department of chemistry beginning in September. Dr. Huddle was born in Texas, but lived much of his early life in Illinois. He held the B. S. degree from Georgetown University in Kentucky, the M. S. from the University of Illinois, and the Ph. D. from the University of Chicago. He had held a number of college teaching positions, and at one time had been analytical chemist for the North American Rayon Corporation in Elizabethton, Tennessee.

For a number of years he was head of the department of physical sciences at East Tennessee State College. In 1956-57 he was on leave from his position at Miami University in Coral Gables, Fla., to become professor and lecturer at the East St. Louis Residence Center of Southern Illinois University in East St. Louis, Illinois. It was from this position that Dr. Huddle came to Appalachian.

Dr. Huddle was the author of many books, pamphlets and articles in his field. He was a member of a number of professional organizations, and was listed in American Men of Science, and in Chemical

Who's Who.

Dr. Huddle was an active member of the Baptist Church.

He is survived by Mrs. Huddle and four grown children.

According to information received



DR. H. B. HUDDLE

at Appalachian State Teachers college in a telephone call Wednesday from Mrs. Huddle, arrangements for the funeral were still incomplete. The services are to be held during the latter part of the week at the Baptist Church in Coral Gables, and the body will be taken to the former home in Illinois for burial.

Dr. W. H. Plemmons, the president of the college, who received the word of Dr. Huddle's death, said that nothing has been done to fill the vacancy.

### Officers Named By Blowing Rock Commerce Group

In a mail ballot completed December 15, the members of the Blowing Rock Chamber of Commerce elected the following Board of Directors to serve for the calendar year 1959:

R. B. Hardin, J. R. Jones, E. Wade Klutz, Bill Lentz, Elie Mattar, G. Sidney Pickard, F. W. Rainey, Lloyd M. Rash, Lloyd S. Robbins, Spencer Robbins, and Rathmell E. Wilson.

### Robt. Jackson Dies On Tuesday

West Jefferson.—Robert Branson Jackson, 71, of West Jefferson died at 7:30 p. m. last Tuesday at Ashe Memorial Hospital. He had been ill for some time.

He was born Oct. 7, 1887, in Watauga County, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Jackson.

Mr. Jackson was employed by Taylor Brothers Tobacco Co. of Winston-Salem for 20 years before retiring in 1945.

He was a former member of the Ashe County Board of Education and a former West Jefferson alderman.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Rosa Brown Jackson; two sons, Gilbert and Carl Jackson of West Jefferson; five brothers, George and Jim Jackson of Coeburn, Va., Frank and Tom Jackson of Boone and Ross Jackson of Tampa, Fla.; and a sister, Mrs. Nannie Greer of Zionville.

Funeral services were conducted at 2 p. m. Thursday at West Jefferson Methodist Church by the Rev. Charles A. Rhinehart and the Rev. Walter Whittington. Burial was in the West Jefferson Cemetery.



HODGES LYONS WINKLER

Three Boone students are among the thirty-one from Appalachian State Teachers College who have been accepted for recognition in the 1958-59 edition of "Who's Who Among Students in American Colleges and Universities." Betty Ruth Hodges, an English major, is president of FTA, and a member of Chi Lambda Chi. Bill Lyons is a physical education and social studies major, and is a member of Chi Lambda Chi. He is treasurer of the senior class, and president of Pi Gamma Mu. Barbara Winkler, a junior, is majoring in primary education. She is a member of ACE and the Vernician Society. She has been on the May Court and the Christmas Court.