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BOONE WEATHER		1959 - H.L.	
High	Low	4 yrs. prec.	H.L.
Jan. 13	41	38	41
Jan. 14	50	40	46
Jan. 15	54	36	44
Jan. 16	46	2	2
Jan. 17	13	-1	7
Jan. 18	23	8	18
Jan. 19	43	8	38

*About four inches of snow.

Lenoir Man Loses Life In Crash Near Blowing Rock

Phone Truck Rolls Down Mountainside

Lenoir, Jan. 15. — Carroll O. Bowen, 44-year-old Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph Company line foreman, died almost instantly this morning when the company truck in which he was driving alone plunged 500 feet down a rock strewn mountainside two miles south of Blowing Rock on Highway 321.

Coroner Claude Goble and State Highway Patrolman Ray Stutts surmised that the truck hit a patch of ice on the highway, causing Bowen to lose control of the vehicle. The accident, which caused Caldwell County's first highway fatality of 1959, occurred at 7:45 a. m. as Bowen was driving north to Boone.

Mrs. Frances Teague, who lives directly across the highway from the scene of the accident, saw the truck take the fatal plunge and summoned officers. Coroner Goble said Bowen was taken from the demolished truck and rushed to Blowing Rock Hospital, where he was pronounced dead on arrival. Serious head injuries and a broken back apparently killed the man at once, Goble said.

Mr. Bowen was a resident of 102½ Edisto Drive, Lenoir, where he lived with his wife, the former Lucille Fox, and a son, Joe Bowen. He was born June 4, 1914, in Fort Collins, Colo., a son of O. T. Bowen and Eric Cole Bowen, who now reside in Weaverville. Also surviving Mr. Bowen are two sisters, Miss Nannie Bowen and Mrs. Audrey Thomas, both of Weaverville.

An active member of Lowen Creek Baptist Church, Mr. Bowen was a member of the Housing and Grounds Committee, a substitute Sunday School teacher, and a member of the Brotherhood Board. He was a veteran of World War II, having served in the United States Navy, and was a member of the Lower Creek Parent-Teacher Association.



REX HAGAMAN braves the blowing snow to make sure patrons on his route get their mail. At times the wind whipped the four-inch snow up with such fury that it was impossible to see but a few feet ahead. Temperature never got above 13 degrees Friday, and reached a low of 1 degree. Schools in the county were dismissed at 1 o'clock due to the weather.

DEATH SCENE.—Carroll O. Bowen, Southern Bell Telephone construction foreman, lost his life Thursday morning when a truck he was driving slid off the icy highway near Bailey's Camp on Highway 321. The truck tumbled down the mountain-side 470 feet before coming to a

rest in an apple orchard. Inset shows close-up of truck before being removed from the scene. Bowen, who was well known in Boone and Watauga county, was thought to have died instantly in Caldwell county's first fatal accident.—(Photo by Palmer Photo Shop.)

Fate Of "Horn In West" To Be Decided Friday Evening

An open meeting of the board of directors of the Southern Appalachian Historical Association will be held at 7:30 p. m. Friday, January 23, in the upstairs banquet room of the Boone Trail Restaurant.

The public is cordially invited to attend and express any opinions they may have as to whether the outdoor drama, Horn in the West, can and should be presented this year.

The financial situation, said James P. Marsh, executive vice president of the association, is briefly as follows: A deficit from last year's operation of some \$19,000 has been wiped out by a \$10,000 grant from state funds and by individuals and firms who signed promissory notes to provide funds on which to open the play in 1958.

However, a minimum of \$12,000 in cash is needed to open this year and it will take \$18,000 worth of notes to provide this amount. The bank can lend the association two-thirds of the total face value of the individual notes.

Notes in the amount of \$13,500 have been signed to date, mostly in \$300 denominations, said Mr. Marsh, so about 20 more such signers are needed. Notes in lesser amounts will also be accepted, he added.

A final decision on whether Horn in the West is to be presented this year will be made Friday night.

Dimes Coin Collectors Reflect Expanded Goals

March of Dimes coin collectors built to reflect the expanded goals of the National Foundation were distributed last week throughout Watauga County, Dr. Gene Reese, campaign director, said today.

The coin collectors were spotted in offices, industrial plants, stores, markets, cafes and elsewhere in the county by the chairman in each community.

Each coin collector consists of three cylinders symbolizing the three patient aid programs of the expanded National Foundation in the fields of arthritis, birth defects and polio. Also shown are pictures of three children suffering from these conditions.

"The added responsibilities of the National Foundation mean that the 1959 March of Dimes must raise much more money," the campaign director added.

"In the area of arthritis and rheumatism alone, at least 11 million are crippled in the United States, and of these 30,000 are infants and children. In the case of birth defects, 250,000 infants are born each year with congenital malformations (not birth injuries). Added to these problems, our chapters still have 50,000 polio patients on aid rolls.

Guard Unit Here To Get More Favor

Raleigh—National Guard units in Northwest North Carolina will receive "more emphasis, not less," in the forthcoming Guard organization, N. C. Adj. Gen. Capus Waynick said yesterday.

However, he declined to disclose specific plans following a meeting of the National Guard's top brass here.

Detailed, but tentative, plans for the complete reorganization will be announced Jan. 22 at a meeting to which all of the state's 200 commanders are being invited.

The number of units will be reduced from 141 to 102, he explained, but the individual units will have more manpower.

When the commanders meet in the assembly room of the Highway Commission for the informative session, all plans resulting from the Adjutant General's staff's work will be laid fully before them, Gen. Waynick continued.

The plans will not be fixed, but will be subject to revisions, if the changes are logical, he explained. "We will still lack definitive directions, pending receipt of a Table of Organization and Equipment from Washington . . . This could take some time," Gen. Waynick added.

Mothers' March On Polio Set

Mrs. W. W. Littleton, will head the 1959 Mothers' March for the March of Dimes in Watauga, Wednesday January 28. Mr. Howard Cottrell, Fire Chief, will sound the siren at 7:00 p. m. signifying the beginning of the march.

"The Mothers' March gives us the opportunity to do more than just look wistfully forward to a time when scientific discoveries will prevent crippling diseases from attacking our children. We can speed that hopeful day by demonstrating the strengthening of our partnership with the men of science. We can—and we must—support their efforts with greater voluntary contributions to the March of Dimes in January."

During the intensive Mothers' March here, home owners will be asked to signify their desire to contribute to the March of Dimes by turning on their porchlights or by leaving a lighted candle or lamp in a front window. Apartment dwellers will tie a handkerchief or ribbon to their doorknobs in signal of their intention to give.

Coach Tatum Will Appear

Coach Jim Tatum, head football coach at the University of North Carolina and State Chairman for the current March of Dimes campaign will appear at the Physical Education Building, A. S. T. C., Monday evening at 7:30.

"Sunny Jim" will talk on football prior to the wrestling matches featuring Appalachian's wrestlers and the State High School Champions, the Appalachian High School team.

The Cassidy sisters will be featured in several numbers, also Douglas Elmore and his trampoline group will give a demonstration on the trampoline.

Coach Tatum will be introduced by Dr. W. H. Flemmons, Appalachian College President.

Everyone is invited to come for good entertainment and to aid the polio campaign. No admission charge is being made, but a collection will be taken.



MAILERS.—These women aided the March of Dimes campaign by preparing contribution envelopes which were mailed to Watauga residents last week for contributions to be used in fighting disease. They are, left to right, Mrs. Joe Worth, Mrs. James

Hendrix, Mrs. John Houck, Mrs. Carl Meeks, Mrs. J. C. Goodnight, chairman of the mailers, and Mrs. Herman Wilcox. Also helping were Mrs. W. S. (Bill) Bingham, Mrs. Raymond Carroll, and Mrs. Marvin Deal.—Photo by Palmer's Photo Shop.

Four And A Half Million To Be Spent On Blue Ridge Parkway



DR. C. H. MOCK



DR. JAMES P. GREENE

Dr. Mock Sells Pharmacy

Alexander Is Against Weed Cuts

Washington, D. C.—Congressman Hugh Alexander has gone on record with the Department of Agriculture against any further cut in burley tobacco allotments.

The Ninth District Congressman made his position known in a statement made to the Tobacco Division of the Department of Agriculture.

Tobacco officials in the Department are considering a possible decrease in burley tobacco allotments and have given Senators and Congressmen from burley producing states an opportunity to be heard.

In his statement to the Department of Agriculture, Congressman Alexander declared, "I am vigorously opposed to any action that might be taken by the Tobacco Division to further reduce the production of burley tobacco. Allotments at the present time are so small that farmers in my Congressional District are suffering hardships. If anything, the Department of Agriculture should be proposing means whereby our planters can increase their production rather than curtail it."

Mothers' March At Blowing Rock

The Blowing Rock Mothers' March will be held Thursday, January 22, at 7:00 p. m. Mrs. Bruce Greene is chairman.

Washington, Jan. 20.—The government plans to spend another \$4.5 million on the Blue Ridge Parkway during fiscal 1960. These figures were included in the President's budget message, submitted to Congress Monday.

Six major projects on the North Carolina section and three in Virginia are included in the year's program, along with smaller appropriations for miscellaneous work.

The outlay will bring to approximately \$67 million the total spent on the interstate scenic highway, with another \$26 million still needed to complete still-planned construction.

The program planned for the year starting July 1 includes these North Carolina projects:

Paving of five miles between Deep Gap and Grandview paralleling U. S. 421 and seven miles paralleling U. S. 221 through the Cone Memorial and Price Memorial Parks; cost, \$300,000.

Grading, base, structures and paving of a spur route from Station 610 on the Parkway at Linville Falls and the Linville Gorge, about two miles. Cost, \$651,100 including bridges.

Repaving of 22.5 miles of Parkway from intersection with U. S. 221 at Beacon Heights to McKinney Gap. Cost \$329,000.

Grading, base, and construction of a tunnel through ridge from the French Broad River south of Asheville to Chestnut Cove, 5.2 miles. Cost \$1,544,000 (this is the first section of a 20-mile link that will by-pass Asheville to the south from the French Broad River to Wagon Road Gap.

Grading, base, and construction of a tunnel on route from Reeking Horse Gap to Balsam Gap. Cost miles of a 60-mile link through the Pisgah National Forest and the Cherokee Reservation.)

Grade separation at intersection of U. S. 19-A and U. S. 23 at Balsam Gap, cost \$300,000.

The Virginia projects in the new allocation are:

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Court May End Today Final Weed Price Given

The January criminal term of Watauga Superior Court convened here Monday morning with Judge James C. Farthing of Lenoir presiding.

Some 50 cases of the 112 on the docket had been disposed of by noon Tuesday, mostly involving speeding and other traffic violations, and including several prohibition law violations.

The court expected to clear the docket some time Wednesday. A list of the judgments will be published next week.

Final official figures of the U. S. Department of Agriculture show that the Boone burley tobacco market sold a total of 3,105,620 pounds of burley tobacco during the 1958-59 season, and paid \$1,970,594 to growers for a season's average price of \$63.45 per hundred.

The market closed Tuesday, January 13, after seven selling days following the Christmas recess.