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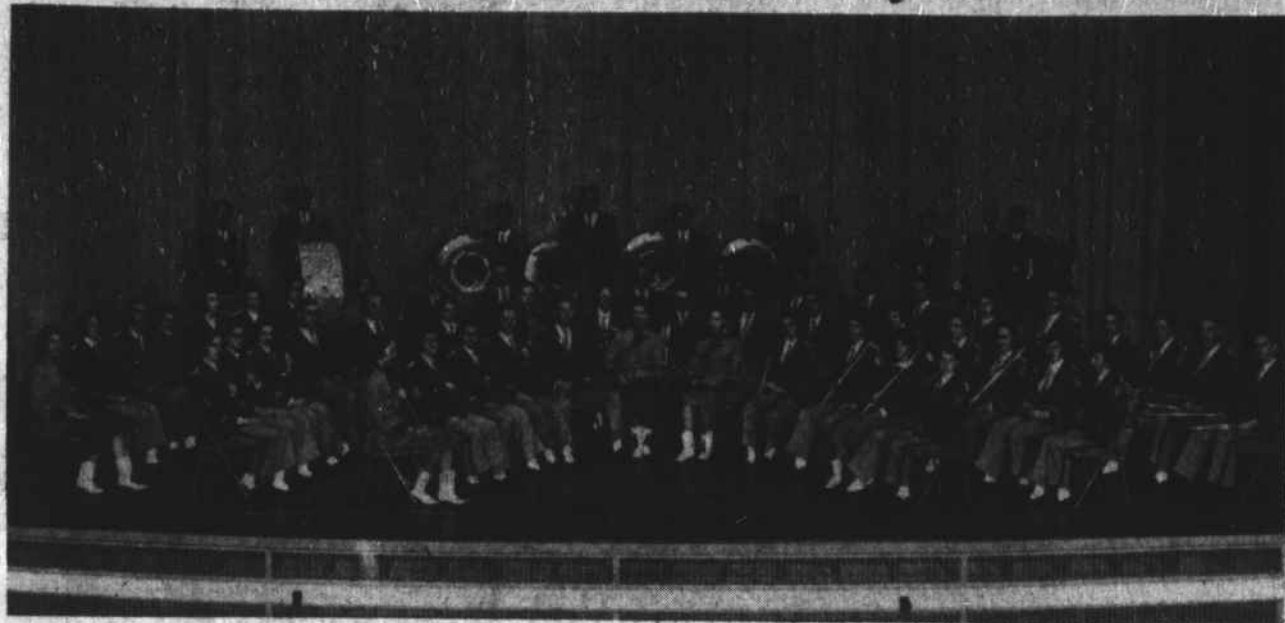
BOONE WEATHER				
1959	High	Low	6 pm	precip.
Feb. 10	67	39	59	0
Feb. 11	58	30	35	.20
Feb. 12	42	25	32	0
Feb. 13	55	31	52	.10
Feb. 14	62	40	59	.12
Feb. 15	65	38	41	.07
Feb. 16	61	22	45	0
Total rainfall for period—58 inch.				

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## Ambassadors To Give Concert Of Visual Music



The citizens of Boone are in for another treat with a "Concert of Visual Music" again being offered. The Appalachian High School Band, "Boone's Ambassadors" are to be presented in concert on Saturday the 21st at 8:15 p. m. in the Elementary Auditorium.

of the family will enjoy this program. Selections include: "El Chaco" march by Robert Logan, "Italian in Algiers" by Rossini, a brass ensemble selection of the March from "Aida" by Verdi, "First Suite in Eb for Military Band" by Holst, a clarinet quartet entitled "Charm", "When You Wish Upon a Star" from Walt Disney's "Pinocchio", "Atlantic Seaboard" by Grundman (conducted by

Master Musician Alice Cain), "Nightfall" by Morrissey featuring Tad Buckland on the alto saxophone solo, "Pavanne" by Ravel (a Woodwind Quintet arrangement), "Ouvre Ton Coeur" by Bizet, "Syncopated Clock" by Anderson (conducted by Barbara Matheson for one requirement of master musician), "Military Escort in Five Ways" by Fillmore. Several other events are under preparation for the "Ambassa-

dors" in the near future. Among these are State Solo and Ensemble Contest at Davidson, a concert for the college assembly program, District Band Contest at ASTC, and State Band Contest at Greensboro. The bands at Appalachian are supported, in part, by the United Fund.

## Maples Is Named Pro At Boone's New Golf Course

### Opening Is Set For First Week In June

The organization which is promoting and will operate Boone's new golf course was officially named Boone Golf Club at a recent meeting of the board of directors.

The board also engaged the services of Mr. Joe Maples as the club "pro" and superintendent of grounds. Mr. Maples is the son of Mr. J. E. Maples, architect of the new course. He is a registered golf professional and holds memberships in the state and national professional golfers associations and the superintendents associations.

He will report for duty on or about April 1, at which time he will assist his father in putting the finishing touches to the course preparatory to its opening, which is scheduled for the first week in June.

Mr. Maples, the architect, says he is very pleased with the condition of the course after the snows and rains during the winter, and he feels sure he will have a good course ready for play by June 1.

Plans for locker rooms and a "pro shop" are being prepared by the architect. It is expected that construction will start in April and that these facilities will be ready for use in June.

The board also set annual membership fees and greens fees, as follows: \$75 for a regular membership, \$40 for the second member of a family who joins the club, and \$30 each for any additional members of the same family. Greens fees, for non-members, will be \$3.00 on week days, and \$5.00 on Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays. These membership and greens fees are based on those of comparable golf courses in this section, and it is expected that playing time will be from one to three weeks longer than other courses in the mountain area.

Memberships will go on sale April 1st at the office of Attorney Wade E. Brown, president of Boone Developments, Inc., builders of the golf course and surrounding home sites.

### Y. D. Club To Organize

An organizational meeting of the Young Democrats of Watauga county will be held Tuesday, March 3, at 7:30 o'clock upstairs at the Boone Trail Restaurant.



BOONE LANDMARK . . . The Thomas Greer House, one of the oldest structures in the town, is said to have been built between 1865 and 1868. Mr. Greer, who moved from the head of Elk after the marriage of his daughter to T. J. Coffey, died there. It is built of hewn logs, fashioned largely by Cap-

tain Cook, son of Michal Cook, Watauga's first Sheriff. Granville Norris and family, who lived in the old house for many years, have moved and the building is vacant. Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Beach and family lived in the Greer house for many years.—Staff photo by Minor.

## Foresters, Nurserymen Meet, Talk Christmas Tree Growth

Nurserymen, foresters, extension workers, businessmen, Federal and State Forest Service representatives met in Boone Monday for a five hour session on the care and management of growing Christmas trees, a brand new forestry endeavor in Western North Carolina, according to L. E. Tucker, County Agricultural Agent, Watauga County.

The purpose of the meeting was two-fold: first, to come to some definite conclusions on the care and management of Fraser Fir as a Christmas tree, and secondly, to discuss the possibilities of organizing a state-wide Christmas Tree Growers Association.

Discussion leader, John Gray, head of Extension Forestry Department, State College, opened the meeting with a brief resume of some of the problems that local Christmas tree growers have encountered in the production of Christmas trees.

Phil Griffiths, Assistant State Forester, said plans are underway to begin an increased production of Fraser Fir in the Penrose State Nursery near Hendersonville. This step up in production calls for the transplanting of 2 year old Fraser Fir for additional 2 years in the planting bed, which will produce a more desirable seedling for planting stock.

A further discussion was made by Forestry Extension Specialists on some of the cultural practices necessary for the production of quality Christmas trees.

The highlight of the meeting was an informal talk by Mr. M. C. Stewart, president of the National Christmas Tree Growers Association, who discussed some of the work of the Pennsylvania Association and the National Association, and related some of his experiences in the Christmas tree industry.

## Dr. Ben H. Horton, Jr. Given Teaching Honor

Dr. Ben H. Horton, Jr. is the new president of the Southeastern Regional Association for Student Teaching. He was elected during the group's seventh annual conference which met last week at Johnson City, Tennessee.

Dr. Horton, head of the educa-



DR. BEN H. HORTON, JR.

tion department at Appalachian State Teachers College, Boone, succeeded Dr. E. S. Christenbury of the University of Tennessee.

The Southeastern Regional Association is composed of colleges, universities, superintendents, principals and teachers of a 10-state area who are engaged or interested in teacher training.

This week Dr. Horton is representing the group at the national meeting in Chicago of the American Association of Colleges for Teachers Education.

Dr. Horton, son of Mr. and Mrs. B. H. Horton of Route 1, Grover, is a graduate of No. 3 Township High School of Shelby, holds the B. S. and M. A. degrees from Appalachian and the Ed. D. from Florida State University.

The North Carolina educator was a teacher for three years and a principal for five years in Mecklenburg County, N. C. He has been a member of the Appalachian faculty since 1948.

He directs the student teaching program conducted by Appalachian State Teachers College. Approximately 500 will do their student teaching this school year under the program.

In addition to the Association for Student Teaching, Dr. Horton is a member of the North Carolina Education Association and Phi Delta Kappa (education fraternity).

## Stanley Harris Made Colonel

Mr. Stanley A. Harris of Boone, is perhaps the only bona fide Kentucky Colonel now residing in Watauga county.

Mr. Harris was commissioned by Acting Governor Harry Lee Waterfield on December 10, and the commission was presented when Mr. Harris went to Frankfort last week to be present at a meeting of members of a Boy Scout troop which he organized fifty years ago.

## Jas. McBride Dies In Md.

James McBride, former resident of Boone, died at his home in Bowie, Maryland, Sunday of a heart attack. He was 44 years old. Funeral services were held Wednesday in Bowie.

A son of the late Smith McBride of Sherwood and Mrs. Irene Cottrell McBride of Boone, he is survived by the widow and one son, Jimmie. There are also two brothers and two sisters: Byron McBride, Chicago; Dean McBride, St. Augustine, Fla.; Mrs. Louis Trammel, Bowie, Md.; Mrs. Mike Glancy, Memphis, Tenn.

## 178 Arrested By Policemen

One hundred and seventy-eight arrests were made during 1958 by the Boone Police Department, and Chief Glenn Richardson gives the Democrat the following list of the infractions:

- Drunk driving, 5.
  - Carrying concealed weapons, 4.
  - Violation of probation law, 4.
  - Speeding, 8.
  - Resisting arrest, 1.
  - Breaking and entering, 4.
  - Stolen automobiles, 2. This was turned over to the FBI.
  - Drunk and disorderly, 113.
  - Manslaughter, 1.
  - Murder, 1. This was turned over to Caldwell authorities for a murder committed in Caldwell County.
  - Larceny, 4.
  - Peeping Tom, 2.
  - Assault on female, 1.
  - Possession of burglary tools, 1.
  - Running stop signs, 27.
- The local police also investigated 87 automobile accidents.

### THERE HE WAS

Duluth, Minn.—There he was—floating high above the Fond du Lac ski-jumping slope with a classic pose and no skis. The crowd roared in astonishment, but Chuck Ryan, of St. Paul, sailing through the air ski-less, coolly surveyed his predicament.

Coming in for a landing, Ryan wound up about 250 feet from his take-off point. "I just jumped out of my skis," said he, a veteran of nine years in ski jumping. He explained the skis were brand new and something was wrong with the binders.

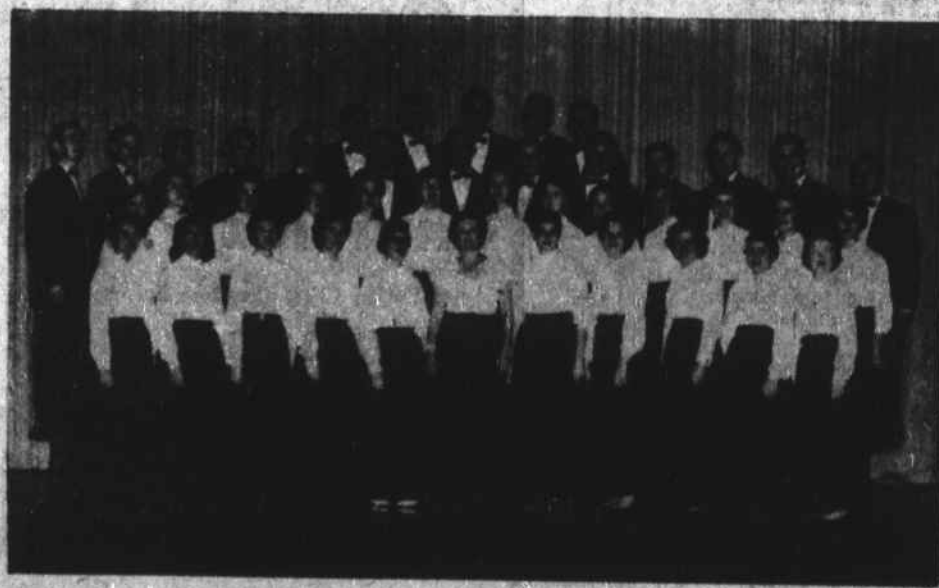
## Henry Auton Rites Are Held

William Henry Auton, 66, of Boone, Route 1, died Sunday, February 15, in Blowing Rock Hospital.

Funeral services were conducted at 2 p. m., Tuesday, February 17, at Sandy Flat Baptist Church by the Rev. Homer Greene, and burial was in the Winkler cemetery.

Surviving are the widow, Mrs. Gladys H. Auton; six sons, Ivan Auton, Blowing Rock, Harley Auton, Charlotte, Marvin, Frank, R. D., and Lewis Auton, all of Boone; four daughters, Mrs. Willie Bennett, Mrs. Ralph Shores, and Mrs. J. C. Nelson, all of Boone, and Mrs. Dale Auton of Belmont; two sisters, Mrs. Minnie Oxentine of Lenoir, and Mrs. Celia Winkler of Mt. Holly; a brother, John Winkler of Pineola; and fifteen grandchildren.

## Choir To Stage Spring Concert



The Appalachian College Choir, under the direction of Virginia Wary Linney, will present its annual Spring Concert on Monday night, February 23, at 8:00 o'clock, in the College Auditorium in the Administration building.

A special feature of the program this year will be "God's Trombones," a Fred Waring presentation which includes the "Creation," Collaborating with the chorus on

this part of the program will be David Hodgins of the English Department as narrator of the dramatic work, and the College Symphony Orchestra, directed by Nicholas Erneston with James Rooker at the organ and Sandy Beam at the piano.

God's Trombones consists of an opening prayer, The Creation, Go Down Death, The Judgment Day, and a closing prayer. The poems

were written by James Weldon Johnson and are based upon American Negro folk sermons. The music, by Roy Ringwald, is based upon American Negro spirituals.

The choir program will open with a group of sacred numbers followed by a group of Musical comedy favorites. After a brief intermission the concert will be climaxed with "God's Trombones."

## Burley Referendum To Be Held In Watauga County On Tuesday

Watauga county farmers who grow burley tobacco today got a last minute reminder about the marketing quota vote to be held Tuesday, February 24.

Any person having an interest as owner, operator, share tenant, or sharecropper in the 1958 crop of burley tobacco is eligible to vote in the referendum. Also, any person may vote who included burley acreage in the 1958 Soil Bank Acreage Reserve or Conservation Reserve Program, or whose farm acreage allotment was preserved under section 377 of the act.

Marketing places for the February 24 referendum on marketing quotas for the next three crops of burley tobacco have been designated as follows:

- Beaver Dam — Donley Hagaman's store.
- Cove Creek — James B. Mast's store.
- Meat Camp — Davis' Furniture Store.
- North Fork — Eller's store.
- Brushy Fork — Vilas Service Station.
- Laurel Creek — V. D. Ward's store.
- New River — Basil Smith's store.

Shawneechaw—Story's Store. Watauga—Howard W. Mast's store. The polls will be open from 10:00 a. m. to 8:00 p. m.

Vaughn Tugman, chairman, County Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Committee, pointed out that in this referendum, growers will have the choice of approving quotas for the next three crops, or of disapproving the quota program. At least two-thirds of the growers voting must approve quotas if they are to remain in effect.

A favorable vote will mean acreage allotments, marketing quotas—with penalties on marketings of "excess" tobacco, and price supports on the 1959, 1960, and 1961 crops of burley tobacco.

An unfavorable vote will mean, for marketing purposes during the 1959-60 marketing year, no allotments, no quotas, no penalties, and no price support on the 1959 burley crop. In this event, another referendum would be held next year on quotas for the following three years.

Marketing quotas have been in effect for burley tobacco each year except one since the 1938 legislation was enacted.

In the last burley quota referendum, held in 1955, quotas were approved by 95.3 percent of the growers voting.

## Duncan Is Given Senate Honors

Senator Edwin Duncan, who represents Watauga, Ashe and Alleghany in the State Senate, was named Chairman of the Interstate and Federal Relations Committee when the upper house of the Legislature completed its organization last week.

Senator Duncan was also named vice-chairman of the Health Committee, and appointed as member of Agriculture, Banking, Insurance, Roads, Welfare and Wildlife.

American Motors girls for Big 3 moves.

## W. L. Burkett Dies Monday

Willett Lee Burkett, 59, of Boone, died at his home on Monday, February 16, following a heart attack.

Formerly in the restaurant business at Sugar Grove and the furniture business in Boone, Mr. Burkett operated the Burkett Rest Home in Boone prior to his death. He was nominated on the Republican ticket for Clerk of Court in 1958, but withdrew his name prior to the election.

He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Carrie M. Burkett; a son, Sgt. B. J. Burkett of the U. S. Air Force, stationed in Africa; a daughter, Mrs. Betty Cowan of Los Angeles, Calif.; three brothers, Joe Burkett, Reese Burkett, and Jacob Burkett, all of Boone; three sisters, Miss Lona Burkett of Boone, Mrs. Rosa Ragan of Todd, and Mrs. Hilda Whisenant of Hickory.

Funeral services will be held in the Grace Lutheran Church at Boone with the pastor, the Rev. E. F. Troutman, and the Rev. Rex West officiating, and burial will be in Bethany cemetery.

Time of the funeral had not been set Tuesday pending arrival of the son and daughter.

## Tag Deadline Is Extended At Blowing Rock

Mr. Lewis Hodges, Chief of Police of the town of Blowing Rock, states that the deadline for the purchase of city automobile tags has been extended from February 16 to March 1.

The Blowing Rock tags have been on sale for some time and motorists are asked to come by the city hall and get their tags at their earliest opportunity. The tags are one dollar each.

## Rural Development Board To Have Meet

The Executive Committee of the Watauga County Rural Development program will meet Monday, February 23, at 12:00 noon at the Daniel Boone Hotel in Boone. All members of the executive committee and chairmen of the problem area committees are urged to attend.

Each committee chairman will report on progress in his area and his committee's plans for 1959 activities. These plans will be discussed and acted on by the executive committee, then the plans that are adopted will be put into effect for the advancement of Watauga County.