

Table with weather data for Boone, Watauga County, North Carolina, including high and low temperatures for various dates in March.



HOWARD'S KNOB ON FIRE.—Smoke billows up from the fire which burned over 75 acres of grass and timber land last Thursday. The flames and smoke were visible for miles around, with the fire reaching from Cherry Park in Boone to the top of the mountain. This pic-

ture, taken in the south end of town, shows Blowing Rock Road in the middle foreground and some of the residential section between the highway and Howard's Knob.—Photo George Flowers, Palmer's Photo Shop.

Fire Burns 325 Acres

Two range fires in Watauga and Ashe counties burned over 325 acres last Thursday, at almost the same time. The first fire was reported to forest rangers at about noon, and originated in Ashe county on John Sutherland's place and spread to Watauga county in the Tamarack section.

The second fire which burned on Howard's Knob, started about 1:30 p. m. and burned over 75 acres before being brought under control six hours later at 7:30 o'clock.

Both fires, according to Watauga county's Forest Ranger Crayte E. Teague, were result of fires set to burn rubbish or briars.

Damage caused by the fire at Tamarack was placed by the ranger at \$315, based on the rate of \$2.00 per acre to "open" land and \$3.50 per acre to timber land. This does not include damage to fence lines which were in the area, Mr. Teague said.

Cost of fighting the fire was placed at about \$30.00, with 12 fire fighters being employed for five hours to get the flames under control. Several volunteers also helped fight the fire.

The fire on Howard's Knob, which was visible from most points in Boone, started in the Cherry Park section, and raged out of control up the mountain for more than six hours. Thirty-nine men, many students from the college, fought the fire from 2:30 p. m. until 7:30. The fire was declared "dead" at 12 midnight.

Fifty acres of open land and 25 acres of timber land were burned over in this fire.

Mr. Teague, in stressing the dangers of fires at this season, pointed out that anyone wanting to burn trash or rubbish in the county should apply to his office or at the fire tower for information on obtaining a permit to build a fire. He pointed out that in both the fires last week no permit had been issued, and that persons responsible for the fires are liable to prosecution.

Full information about permits may be obtained from Mr. Teague at his office or from the fire tower, either by telephoning or by contacting rangers in person. "It is imperative that a permit be obtained before starting a fire," Mr. Teague said in pointing out that all violators may expect to be prosecuted.

Attend Meet United Fund

Dr. and Mrs. Lawrence H. Owsley attended a regional meeting of Carolinas United in Winston-Salem Thursday.

Dr. Owsley is a member of Carolinas United Board of Directors and past President of Watauga United.

Campaign For New Shadowline Plant Making Fine Progress



HEADS UNITED FUND.—Grady Moretz, Jr., prominent young businessman and civic leader, who has been elected president of the Watauga United Fund.—Photo Palmer's Studio.

The campaign for funds for Watauga Industries, out of which is to be financed the expansion of Shadowline, Inc., is making splendid progress, according to Stanley A. Harris, campaign manager.

A meeting of the board of directors was held Friday noon at which great satisfaction was expressed with the progress of the campaign. While about \$12,000 additional is needed to complete the \$80,000 campaign and start the new building project, every indication is that the people of Watauga county are going to buy the necessary stock and get the structure under way early in April.

Mr. Harris, who is Executive Vice-President of Watauga Industries, recommended to the board that a dividend of 10 or 12 per cent to stockholders of record as of January 1, 1959, be declared. After considerable discussion it was agreed to withhold action until the stockholders' meeting in April.

A committee composed of Alfred Adams, Jack Williams, and Wade Brown was appointed to study how the stock might be handled in order to reduce to the minimum the tax paid by the corporation, and thus save the stockholders from paying double tax.

Mr. Harris believes there is a provision by which Federal and State tax may be greatly reduced, and thus leave considerably more dividends for the stockholders.

Mr. Harris, in insisting on mailing of applications for stock to Watauga Industries, Box 409, Boone, or seeing one of the team members, adds: "We know a great many people who are still considering how much of the stock they want to buy. We urge everybody interested in buying stock to make up their minds as soon as possible and indicate the amount they will take, even if delayed payments are desired. Payments may be made so much per month or the payment may be delayed to summer or early fall."

T. M. Norris Dies At 80

Thomas Monroe Norris, 80, died Tuesday at the home of a daughter Mrs. Lee Miller at Deep Gap. Before moving to Watauga county two years ago, Mr. Norris had made his home in Ashe county.

Mr. Norris had married twice. His first wife, the former Nancy Emma Green, died November 11, 1942. His second wife, the former Victoria Watts, whom he married December 12, 1945, survives.

Also surviving are two sons, Fred Norris, Deep Gap; and Claude Norris, Portsmouth, Va.; three daughters, Mrs. Lee Miller, Deep Gap; Mrs. Estes Wagner, Deep Gap; and Mrs. Bland Hamby, Deep Gap; two brothers, Cleve Norris, Fleetwood; and Joe Norris of Concord; one sister, Mrs. C. W. Mahaffey of North Wilkesboro.

Funeral services were set for 2 p. m. Wednesday (today) at Zion Methodist Church at Todd, with the Rev. Wayne Woodward officiating.

3 Ford Leaders To Get Awards

Three Ford car and truck salesmen from Boone will be presented with Ford 300-500 Club awards at Charlotte on Saturday, March 21 by A. Y. Edwards, manager of the Ford Division's Charlotte district sales office.

The award presentation will take place at the Park Center at a banquet in honor of the top-ranking salesmen of 1958 in the Charlotte district, which includes more than 190 Ford dealerships throughout the Carolinas.

The 300-500 Club is a national organization of Ford salesmen who achieved outstanding sales records last year.

Boone men to be honored are Bryon Tucker, W. R. Winkler, Jr., and W. T. Payne of Winkler Motor Company.

Fight Said Brewing On Blowing Rock Tax Bill

Raleigh—A fight is brewing over a bill that would permit officials of Blowing Rock to call for a town-wide reevaluation of property.

The bill, introduced last week by Watauga Rep. Jack Edmisten, is in the House Local Government Committee. And there it may stay for a while.

For committee chairman Ed Kemp of Guilford said Sen. C. V. Henkel of Iredell has indicated he wants to be heard in opposition. No date has been set for a hearing.

Sen. Henkel is a property owner in Blowing Rock. Rep. Danny Courtney of Caldwell also has said he will fight the bill. Blowing Rock is located

Optimists Are Given Charter

Dr. Carl Bowen, Governor, District 18, formally brought the Optimist Club of Boone into Optimist International, when he presented the charter to Jack E. Williams, President last Saturday.

Present for the occasion were members of the city government, the Lions Club, Jaycees, while six of the nine Optimist Clubs in zone 7 were represented.

Easter Seal Report Made

Proceeds from the Easter Seal Sale in the county have reached the sum of \$240.00, according to Mrs. Roy Blanton, director of the local campaign.

Mrs. Blanton asks that those who haven't made their contributions do so during the current week, so that final reports may be made.

Episcopal Rites Are Announced

Rev. John McDuffie, Priest-in-charge of Blowing Rock and Boone Episcopal Churches is ill. Easter services for both Boone and Blowing Rock congregations will be held at Blowing Rock at St. Mary's of the Hills at 11.15 a. m. Sunday, March 29 with the Rev. Peter Lambert of Penland in charge of the service.

Mrs. Hartley Taken By Death

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Funeral rites were conducted by the Rev. Ben Triplett of Deep Gap and the Rev. Henry McMillan, of Lenoir.

Good Friday Services, Sunrise Worship Slated

Rev. Dr. McLarty, 89, Succumbs In Asheville

Heart Fund Raises \$576

The Watauga county heart fund campaign resulted in the collection of \$576.67, a much better showing than was made a year ago.

Boone contributed \$287.30, Blowing Rock \$86.78, Perkinsville \$85.84, Brushy Fork \$5.00, Coin containers \$13.75, special events \$107.00.

Dr. Walter K. Keys of Blowing Rock was general county chairman; Mrs. Paul A. Coffey, fund raising chairman; Mrs. Chappel Wilson, publicity chairman and Mrs. John Austin, treasurer.

In charge of special events was Howard Cottrell of Boone; Blowing Rock, Mrs. Bill Williams; Perkinsville, Mrs. Clyde Wineberger; Brushy Fork, Charlie Moody.

Those in Boone assisting in the campaign were Mesdames Fred Mast, W. G. Hartzog, Howard Williams, Lionel Watson, Gordon Winkler, Joe Howser, Barnard Dougherty, E. T. Glenn, Bill Rush, John W. Hodges, W. H. Gragg, Rob Rivers, Beulah Campbell, and Miss Bernice Gragg.

Science Fair Set For 3rd

The district Science Fair, which will include entries from students from the entire western North Carolina area, will be held April 3 at the Science Building in Boone under the directorship of Dr. Ray Derrick, Appalachian State Teachers College professor.

Registration for the fair will start at 7:30 a. m. and the erection of the science projects should be completed by 10:30, when the projects will be judged. Science tours and the movies will be available for the participants and a banquet for them will be at 12:30, at the close of which the winners will be announced.

The displays will be open to the public from 1:30 to 4 o'clock. The best five exhibits in each category, biological and physical, will be invited to the State Fair, where students and their teachers will be guests of the University of North Carolina.

The Science Fairs are sponsored by the North Carolina Academy of Science with the cooperation of many business enterprises throughout the State. The Watauga Democrat is a local sponsor.

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Survivors include a son, Sam Hartley, Lenoir; four daughters, Mrs. Lizzie Wilson and Mrs. Roxie Hayes of Triplett; Mrs. Jennie Watson, Deep Gap; and Mrs. Delphia Greer, Lenoir. Also surviving are a brother, Albert Greer, Triplett, 20 grandchildren, and 21 great grandchildren.

Ministers Act In Observance Of Holy Week

The Watauga County Ministerial Association will sponsor and conduct Good Friday Services from 1 to 2 p. m. in the First Baptist Church, Boone, March 27.

The Association will also sponsor and conduct an Easter Sunrise Service at 6:15 a. m. Sunday, March 29, at the Daniel Boone Theater Park.

Both of these services will be broadcast through the facilities of Radio Station WATA, Boone, for all of those who are unable to attend.

Participants in the Easter Sunrise Service will be the Rev. E. H. Lowman of Boone Methodist Church, The Rev. Rhett Winters of Holy Cross Episcopal Church, The Rev. Edwin F. Troutman of Grace Lutheran Church, the Rev. Ronda D. Horton of the Krimmer Mennoite Brethren Church, the Rev. J. K. Parker, Jr. of Boone Presbyterian Church, and the Rev. Ernest Blankenship of Cove Creek Baptist Church who will bring the Easter meditation.

Also participating in the Easter Sunrise Service will be the Community Choir, under the direction of J. Eugene Wilson, Jr., the Appalachian High School Band under the direction of J. Perry Watson and The Appalachian High School Chorus under the direction of J. Eugene Wilson, Jr.

The public is invited and urged to attend both of these Good Friday services and the Easter Sunrise service.

Good Friday Service in the First Baptist Church from 1:00-2:00 p. m., sponsored by the Watauga Ministerial Association. The "Seven Last Words from the Cross" will be reviewed by the following ministers:

1st word: "Father Forgive Them; for they know not what they do."—Rev. E. H. Lowman.

2nd word: "Verily I say unto thee, Today shalt thou be with me in paradise."—Rev. L. H. Hollingsworth.

3rd word: "Behold thy mother."—Rev. Mr. Muder.

4th word: "My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?"—Rev. Ronda Horton.

5th word: "I thirst."—Rev. J. K. Parker, Jr.

6th word: "It is finished."—Rev. Edwin F. Troutman.

7th word: "Father, into thy hands I commend my spirit."—Rev. George Arthur.

All business places are requested to close and attend this one hour of memorial service.

Union Sunrise Service at the outdoor Daniel Boone Theatre at 6:15, sponsored by the Ministerial Association.

Dublin—Aerlinte Irish Airlines has decided to order three Boeing 720 jet airliners for its trans-Atlantic service, according to a recent report.

Miss Watauga To Be Selected At Annual Jaycee Pageant

The Boone Junior Chamber of Commerce announced today that this year's beauty pageant will be staged at the Appalachian Elementary School auditorium Saturday night, April 25th at 8:00 p. m.

This is the third year that the local Jaycees have conducted a "Miss Watauga County" contest and sent the winner to the State Pageant to compete for the "Miss North Carolina" title. Previously Boone and Watauga County were not represented at the "Miss North Carolina" contest.



W. RALPH TUGMAN

Tugman Takes New Position At Democrat

W. Ralph Tugman, well-known local radio company executive, has taken a position with the Watauga Democrat and will assume his new duties the first of the month.

Mr. Tugman will be advertising manager and news editor at the Democrat, where he brings a varied background of experience in newspaper work as well as other media. For the past seven years he has been commercial manager of Station WATA in Boone.

A son of Mr. and Mrs. S. G. Tugman of Boone, Mr. Tugman was educated at Appalachian State Teachers College. He was in the theatre and newspaper advertising business in High Point and Durham before returning to Boone.

Mr. Tugman is a member of the Board of Stewards of the Boone Methodist Church, Secretary of the Boone Lions Club, and Deputy Director of the Watauga Civil Defense program. He is active in all phases of civic life.

Mr. Tugman, his wife, the former Miss Dorothy Glenn of Durham, and their son Sonny, reside at 205 Tracy Circle.

Easter Service At Blowing Rock

A community Easter Sunrise Service will be held in Blowing Rock at the Rumble Memorial Presbyterian Church Sunday morning at 6:30 o'clock.

The Rev. G. Carlton Cox and the Rev. Walter K. Keys will conduct the services assisted by the combined choirs of the churches and the High School Glee Club.

Following this service the Men's Organized Bible Class of the Presbyterian Church will serve a country ham, eggs and grits' breakfast at the school cafeteria for all members of the church, Sunday School, and friends.

During this week, special pre-Easter services are being held in the Presbyterian Church by the pastor.

These services begin each evening at 7:30 o'clock.

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