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BOONE WEATHER 1958-1959

1958	High	Low	6 pm	prec.	1959-1951
Mar. 31	70	51	60		64
April 1	57	39	61		64
April 2	61	39	41	.63	60
April 3	68	33	41	1r.	61
April 4	51	34	45	.32	47
April 5	65	27	50		45
April 6	64	43	62		70

Total rainfall for week—1.15 inches.

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FOURTEEN PAGES—TWO SECTIONS

## Young Scientists Earn Chance To Go To State Exhibits



Officers of the "Athletic" Club of Appalachian State Teachers College present J. Paul Winkler, left, of ASTC Educational Foundation a check which will help provide an athletic scholarship at Appalachian for a capable and needy student. John Kirk is the faculty advisor of the "A" Club. Pictured, left to right, are Mr. Winkler; Ken Daves, Ellenboro; Bill Harvey, Lancaster, Pa.; James Kay Hiatt, Mt. Airy; John Ponis, Statesville.—Photo by Carmen Carter.)

## Clean-up Drive To Be Started

The Chamber of Commerce, in cooperation with other groups and the community as a whole, will launch what chairman James Marsh has described as "the most extensive clean-up campaign ever undertaken by our community."

Chairman Marsh said today, "I would especially like for it to be the best clean-up effort we have ever made. We need to do right now what must be done to put the appearance of our town right, and then keep it clean and neat looking. We live in a veritable Nature Wonderland—it's a gift to us, and most of us live here the year around, so why should we put a tub over it?"

The clean-up effort will be headed by a Chamber of Commerce committee of James Marsh, chairman, Watt H. Gragg and B. W. Stallings. The campaign will start on April 16 and continue through April 30.

## Bolton To Be C of C Speaker

The Boone and Watauga County Chamber of Commerce will play host Tuesday, at its regular meeting, to officials of the Northwest North Carolina Development Association. Mr. Neil Bolton, secretary-treasurer of the Association will be the principal speaker on a program that will review in general many phases of the Northwest North Carolina Association activities, and in particular will review areas of progress in Watauga County, according to a statement from Mr. Stanley Harris.

Other officials of the Association will be Mr. Joe Porter of Mount Airy, Chairman of the Industries Committee and Mr. W. T. Roth of Elkin, Chairman of the Community Development Program.

Mr. Harris said all local chairman of various committees of the Northwest North Carolina Development Association should make a special effort to attend, and where possible, should bring other members of their committees. Representatives from community and civic clubs are especially invited to Tuesday's meeting, he said.

Mr. Harris told of a visiting team of executives representing some 75 or more different industrial companies that will include Boone in a May tour planned by the group. The group, he said, would entertain at a luncheon in Boone on Saturday, May 2, and urged that everyone give special attention to the coming clean-up, fix-up program, so that our community might give the very best possible first impression to these visitors.

## Whiting Is Killed In Crash Of Airplane

### Deceased Had Resided At Shulls Mills

Lenoir, April 5.—W. S. (Bill) Whiting Jr., 51, Camden, S. C., machine manufacturer, and a companion, Warren Roland, 40, farmer and realtor, also of Camden, were killed when their plane crashed here about 2:15 p. m., yesterday.

The plane crashed and burned when it clipped an electric power line. It was coming in for a landing at a private airfield owned by the Lenoir Aviation Club.

The airfield is about three miles northeast of here off N. C. Highway 18 in Lower Creek community.

The plane, a 1952 Piper Paecr, was approaching the east end of the landing strip and apparently lost altitude too quickly. It hit the power line an estimated 800 to 1,000 feet from the end of the airstrip. It was not learned immediately who was piloting the plane.

The wires appeared to have entangled in the plane propeller, causing it to veer off to the left and crash into a wooded area. It came to rest against a tree and bank, short of the end of the runway.

The craft burst into flames immediately. Both men apparently were killed instantly and their bodies were burned beyond recognition. The plane was destroyed.

Flames from the burning aircraft set fire to the wooded area. Firemen from Hudson Fire Department, assisted by forest rangers, extinguished the forest fire.

Mr. Whiting and Mr. Roland were arriving at the airport from Camden where they left, apparently shortly after noon. They were flying here to meet Wiley Greene of Blowing Rock.

Mr. Greene has been directing construction for Mr. Whiting and associates of a private airstrip on Mr. Whiting's property some five miles west of Blowing Rock in the direction of Grandfather Mountain.

Mr. Whiting had called Mr. Greene before departing from Camden and asked Mr. Greene to meet him and Mr. Roland at the Lenoir airfield about 2:30.

Mr. Greene was delayed, however, and arrived a short time after the plane crashed.

He said Mr. Whiting had told him he planned to fly over the new airstrip near Blowing Rock on the trip to Lenoir to see how it looked from the air. Additional work had been done on it.

Mr. Whiting, on previous occasions, had landed on that airstrip, even though it is still under construction. He told Mr. Greene by phone before leaving Camden, however, that he would not try to land there because of reported high winds in the Blowing Rock area. He said he would go on to Lenoir.

Mr. Greene said he heard a high flying plane early yesterday afternoon which might have been Mr. Whiting coming over to see the airstrip. However, Mr. Greene was (Continued on page six)



WINNER—Gino Prato, winner of \$32,000 in 1955 on the late \$64,000 Question tv show, flashes a winning smile as he shakes hands with Will Jones, Boone shoe repairman. Gino, who answered questions on opera, was making his rounds to the local shoe shops in the interest of a shoe repair supply company last week. He took the advice of his then 93-year-old father who lives in Italy and quit at \$32,000. He visited his father for two days in 1955, and plans to go back in July for a month's stay. Gino also appeared on the \$64,000 Challenge and won \$18,000.—(Staff photo by Minor.)

## Seventy-Six Face Trial When Superior Court Convenes

### Harmon Child Struck By Bus

Allice Marie Harmon, 8, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Harmon of Vilas, was struck by a school bus Monday at 8 a. m. on Vanderpool Drive, off highway 421, 10 miles west of Boone.

State Highway Patrolman George E. Baker, who investigated the accident, said that Allice Marie and nine other children were waiting for the bus driven by Robert Hall Mast of Sugar Grove. When the vehicle was arriving at the bus stop the child is said to have dashed in front of it before it came to a stop. Mr. Baker's investigation indicated the accident was unavoidable.

The child was admitted to Watauga Hospital for treatment for bruises and abrasions.

Seventy-six cases will be tried when the one-week criminal term of Watauga Superior Court convenes Monday April 20.

Most of the cases involve traffic infractions, speeding being the principal offense with 20 slated for trial in this category; driving drunk, 17; violation prohibition laws, 12; larceny, 8; no license, 8; reckless driving, 5; breaking and entering, 2; hit and run driving, 2; non-support 2.

Hon. James C. Farthing of Lenoir will be the presiding judge. Solicitor B. T. Falls, Jr., will prosecute the docket.

### Chorus Goes To Festival

The Appalachian High School Chorus will be represented in the state wide Choral Festival held Thursday and Friday of this week in Greensboro, on the Woman's College campus. Eight chorus members will participate with other high school students in the two-day festival.

The students from Appalachian will sing in Chorus II, under the direction of Miss Margaret Hillis, nationally known choral director. Miss Hillis is conductor of the American Concert Choir and Orchestra, which is noted for its programs of quality and fine musicianship. Her ensemble performs works covering five centuries of music. She has appeared with her group on radio and television in addition to the concert stage.

Choral clinics, festivals, and workshops throughout the United States and Canada have availed themselves of her assistance. Miss Hillis has taught at the Julliard School of Music, the Guilford College School, Manhattanville College, and has for three years taught choral and orchestra conducting at the Union Theological Seminary.

Rehearsals will be held under Miss Hillis on Thursday and Friday, culminating with the concert (Continued on page six)

### Bloodmobile Coming Today

A real task faces the folks hereabouts today (Thursday) when the Red Cross Bloodmobile sets up its 11:00 a. m. to 5:00 p. m. receiving center at the Boone Methodist Church, according to a statement by the Rev. Mr. E. H. Lowman, chairman of the Watauga Blood Program.

"This is the final visit to Boone in the 1958-59 fiscal year", Mr. Lowman said, "and our blood usage is far ahead of our blood collections. The deficit should be made up this visit," he said.

"We would like to call attention to the fact that six months have passed since the last visit by the Bloodmobile, and all credit cards issued donors have now expired," Mr. Lowman said. "A good response to the call for donors is urgently needed this visit," he declared.

Honorable mention — Grant Ayers, Appalachian High, The Earthworm; James Royal, Sparta, The Control Area of the Brain; Melvin Miles, Sparta, Composition of Human Body; Bobby D. Rhodes, North Wilkes, Effects of Some Antiseptics; Blake Lovette, West Wilkes, Reproduction of an Egg.

Winners in senior physical division—Charles Troutman, Lenoir. (Continued on page six)

### Baby Has 13 Grandparents

Beverly Kay, infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Moody of Vero Beach, Fla., former residents of Blowing Rock, has the distinction of having 13 living grandparents.

Grandmothers are: Mrs. C. D. Hampton, Blowing Rock; Mrs. Muriel Moody, Blowing Rock. Great grandmothers: Mrs. Joe C. Norris, Boone; Mrs. E. A. Hampton, Mrs. Arthur Moody, Blowing Rock; Mrs. Beverly Kay, infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Moody of Vero Beach, Fla., former residents of Blowing Rock, has the distinction of having 13 living grandparents.

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A. T. Parker, Boone; grandfathers: C. D. Hampton, Muriel Moody, Blowing Rock; great grandfathers: Joe C. Norris, A. T. Parker, Boone; E. A. Hampton, Arthur Moody, Blowing Rock.

Beverly Kay was born March 25 at Indian River Memorial Hospital, Vero Beach, Fla. Mrs. Moody is the former Miss Rachel Hampton.

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## Watauga Industries Sales Now \$85,000

### Mrs. Henson Dies At 83

Mrs. Mary Emma Henson, 83, of Boone, died Saturday at Watauga Hospital, following a long illness.

Funeral services were conducted at 2:30 Sunday at Henson's Chapel Church, the Rev. L. H. Hollingsworth, the Rev. Alvin A. Wilson, the Rev. E. O. Gore and the Rev. Maurice Cooper took part in the rites.

Surviving are a daughter, Mrs. Lewis Reese of Boone; four sons, Carl Henson, Alexandria, Va.; Clarence Henson, Cleveland, Ohio; Earl Henson, Jacksonville, Fla.; Lonnie Henson of Vilas. There are 14 grandchildren and 16 great grandchildren.

Among those from a distance attending the funeral were the following:

C. H. Sears, Mrs. Callie Hollars, Mr. and Mrs. Jake Moss, Charlotte. Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Kimel, Winston-Salem.

Mrs. Walter Cole and son, Reese Cole and Mike, Mrs. Hattie Brown, Mr. and Mrs. Mast Ward, Cecil Ward, Elizabethton, Tenn.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Smalling, Mr. and Mrs. Don King and Gery, Mr. and Mrs. Gene Torbett, Larry Torbett, Mr. and Mrs. Claude Trivette, Earl Trivette, Piney Flats, Tenn.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Harkey, Mr. and Mrs. Cobern Lowder, Albeville.

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### Rummage Sale Planned Here

The Boone Junior Woman's Club will hold a Rummage Sale Saturday, April 11th, at the Pastime Theatre entrance. The sale will open at 9:00 a. m. and continue until 5:00 p. m.

## Northwest North Carolina Young Scientists Show Work



Brenda Henson, left, and Glenda Wilson stand with second-place winning exhibit entered by Green Valley's 7th grade, showing chemical gardening.



Crowds circulated all day viewing the 140 science exhibits at Appalachian State Teachers College Friday. The fair attracted more than a thousand pupils from various schools in an eight-county area.



Dennis McAllister, left, Johnnie Pendley and Robert Horner, of Deaton Elementary School at Spruce Pine explain their exhibits on rocks and minerals found in North Carolina and the United States.



Joe Williams, right center, demonstrates Greene Valley's 7th grade physical science project on electricity. The project covered four fields of electricity: circuit, batteries, motor, and magnets.