

BOONE WEATHER			
1959	High	Low	5 pm. prev.
Apr. 28	84	51	64
Apr. 29	89	47	63
Apr. 30	72	44	66
May 1	73	47	70
May 2	78	49	73
May 3	80	50	74
May 4	79	58	63
Total rainfall for period—			.49 inch

Spring Festival Friday

An opera featuring over 100 performers kicks off the annual Spring Festival Friday night at Appalachian State Teachers College. The crowning of May Queen Emajene Bryant climaxes the affair Saturday afternoon.

H. M. S. Pinafore, an opera in two acts, produced by the College Chorus, Orchestra, Modern Dance Club and Playcrafters, begins at 8:00 o'clock in the Health and Physical Education Building.

Nicholas Erneston directs the musical production, assisted by Mrs. Virginia Wary Linney, Jerry Madden and Janie Matthews.

Handling leading roles in the complicated love affairs aboard "His Majesty's Ship Pinafore" are Florence Payne, Gerald Coffey, Leonard Eury, Peggy Carter, Jerry Jones, Bud Mayes, Janet Kimball, Duane Best and Buddy Caudill.

"Ea-Ing the World," a program by the Varsouvianna Club, high school dance groups from Marion, Jefferson, Pleasant Gardens and Celeste Henkle, and the Modern Dance Club will be presented for Queen Emajene Bryant and her visitors.

Dale McLean will usher in Queen Emajene Bryant. Presentation of the Queen and her court begins at 3 p. m. Saturday, at the Health and Physical Education Building.

Heralds Virginia Sullivan and Shirley Berry will sound the entrance of the May Court and their escorts. Attendees are Ann Sexton, Linda Cline, Johnnie Ellis, Peggy Smith, Phyllis Curtis, Dixie Jackson, Barbara Winkler, Martha Carter, Ann Costner, Janice Little, and Nancy McLean.

Maid of Honor will be Barbara Watkins. Larry Andrews will be crown bearer and Donna Kaye Winkler and Shirley Miller flower girls.

The court is under the direction of Mrs. Daisy Eggers, Miss Janet Sharpe and Mrs. Carrie Winkler.

Prior to the court presentation, the college band under direction of Charles Isley will present an informal concert at 2:30.

Complete schedule of the Spring Festival activities:

Friday—8 p. m.: H. M. S. Pinafore musical production, Health and Physical Education Building.

Saturday—9 a. m.: Registration of visiting high school juniors and seniors, lobby of Fine Arts Building.

9:30 a. m.—Guided tour of campus, including art, biology, business, library, math and dramatics departments. Display of 25 paintings by a group of young painters from Greensboro in the library.

10:30—Movies of special interest to prospective Appalachian students, college auditorium, presented by John Pritchett and AV Center.

1:30—Mixer for high school juniors and seniors, Men's Old Gymnasium, directed by Ronald Brooks, college director of recreation.

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MUSEUM.—Walter S. Tatum, of San Diego, Calif., left, and Liday Tatum inspect ends of logs of Revolutionary War-time cabin on Horn in West grounds. The cabin, which has been used by five generations of Tatums, was presented to Southern Appalachian Historical Association by its owner, Liday Tatum, to be used as a nucleus of a museum the association is starting.—Staff photo Joe Minor.

Historic Tatum Cabin Is Nucleus For Museum Planned In Boone

By JOE MINOR
(Democrat Staff Writer)

The long-dreamed-of ambition of Southern Appalachian Historical Association is at last being realized. When the association was first formed in 1950, one of the aims announced was the founding of a museum, to show ways of living in this section from pioneer days on down through history. However, ways and means of getting such an institution had to be solved, and it wasn't until just recently the association could see its way clear to make this dream a reality.

Rites Held For Mrs. I. G. Greer

Mrs. Willie Spainhour Greer, 71, former resident of Boone, and wife of Dr. I. G. Greer, died Monday at her home in Chapel Hill.

Funeral services were conducted at 4 o'clock Wednesday at the University Baptist Church in Chapel Hill by the Rev. Charles E. Madry, the Rev. Henry Stokes, the Rev. W. C. Reed and Dr. W. R. Wagoner, superintendent of the Children's Home, Thomasville.

Mrs. Greer had taught in the Morganton public schools, Morganton School for the Deaf, and at a School for the Deaf in Philadelphia.

Following her marriage in 1916, she taught at Appalachian State Teachers College in Boone.

Surviving in addition to her husband are two sons, I. G. Greer Jr. of Hamilton Field Air Base, Calif., and Joseph P. Greer of Boston, Mass.; three sisters, Mrs. Lettie Hamlett and Mrs. Ernest Walker, both of Morganton, and Mrs. Hal Teague of Granite Falls; four brothers, C. M. Spainhour of Washington, D. C., Joe Spainhour of Knoxville, Tenn., Ralph Spainhour of Battleboro, and Walter Spainhour of Lenoir.

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QUEEN OF THE MAY.—Emajene Bryant will be May Queen at Appalachian State Teachers College when the May Court is presented at the annual College Spring Festival. May Day is set for Saturday.

The first thing needed for a museum, of course, was a building to house the relics of the past.

Thomas E. (Liday, or L. T., as he is known around here) Tatum has presented the association with a log cabin which has been rebuilt on the Horn in the West grounds. The cabin has become the nucleus of a building that will house many museum pieces that help tell the history of this section.

The cabin itself is a relic of Revolutionary War days in which five generations of the Tatum family have lived down through the years, including children of the donor.

The cabin is believed to be the oldest permanent residence in this locality. Originally located on the south fork of New River, fifteen miles northeast of Boone, near Todd, the house was being lived in in 1785. Just how long it had been built has not been determined.

According to records, the cabin was built by James Tatum, captain in the Revolutionary War. Born in 1755, at Petersburg, Virginia, he came to this area and worked on his uncle's farm as a teenager in what is now Ashe county, probably about 1770. Official records at Washington, D. C., dated January 4, 1887, states that he was voted to "command the troops in the western country." "Western country" has been interpreted as being this area.

Tatum family tradition has it that he and his wife "came up the river bringing all of their possessions in two dugout canoes to start their permanent residence."

Captain Tatum built the cabin from white oak, poplar, and wild cherry. He used locust for the logs. Except for the bottom two logs of the 22x18 cabin the building was in good preservation when moved to the Horn grounds last fall. Over the years the structure has been weatherboarded and sealed in so that only the logs touching the ground were lost.

The rebuilt museum is almost identical to the original cabin. It is two logs lower than it was when first built because of the loss of (Continued on page eight)

Mayor Hardin Is Re-elected



MAYOR R. B. HARDIN

Blowing Rock's Mayor R. B. Hardin won re-election handily in the election held Tuesday, receiving a vote of 269 to 110 for Ronda Coffey.

The three-man board of commissioners and the vote received by each follow: J. D. Jones 260, H. P. Holshouser, Jr. 231, C. J. Isenhour 203.

The defeated candidates and the vote received: F. W. Rainey 162, Wiley N. Greene, 148, D. W. Wooten 141.

A total of 391 persons participated in the spirited voting at Blowing Rock.

GAS BY THE TRUCKLOAD

Los Angeles—A truck tanker slammed into a stalled auto and spilled 4,000 gallons of gasoline on the harbor freeway.

After 40 policemen and eight fire companies cleaned up the mess, officers asked Booker Williams why he had left his car there. "I was out of gas," he told officers.

Williams was given a ticket. The truck driver escaped injury.

Turtle Again Winner, This Time In Photo Shop Prize Contests

There is an old, old story of the turtle who foiled the hare, and defeated him in a footrace. The story has a moral, and besides that has filled men's hearts with a kindly feeling for the unsightly turtle.

The turtle has been at it again this week in Boone, and this time his adversary was the citizenry of the community, and the competition not a foot race, but a spelling match! In this latest contest, our friend of the hard shell moved to the head of the class, and again a certain element of trickery was employed. A casualness that once threw the hare off guard this time lulled the citizenry into a feeling of false superiority that was their undoing. Had the turtle been challenged with the spelling of such words as disestablishmentarianism or oft-missed words such as separate or beginning, an aroused public would have downed him easily. The challenge though, was

that the turtle MISSPELL a five letter word. He did it successfully all week long.

The whole thing came about when George A. Flowers, Jr. decided to give his family name to the photo business that he has been operating under the name of Palmer's, the name under which the business was founded by the late Palmer Blair. As part of a nine day event in connection with the name change, Mr. Flowers had five baby turtles lettered with the letters R-I-C-O-H, he placed them in a tank in the camera shop window and provided a handy sunning log for them. Anyone seeing the turtles sunning themselves on this log in such an arrangement that their lettered backs read RICOH won a free camera from the Flowers' Photo Shop. The turtles never once correctly spelled the word, and as result all who aspired to win a camera were defeated.

Industrialists Like Trip To Boone, Blowing Rock

Whirlwind Good Will Tour Made

Four bus loads of industrialists and their hosts made a whirlwind visit to Watauga county Saturday. They were in two groups and one of the groups stopped at Appalachian State Teachers College for tea, while the other went through Boone without stopping, and went on to Blowing Rock where they stopped at Green Park Hotel.

The groups included some of the nations leading industrial executives who had been invited by the Northwest North Carolina Development Association to tour northwest North Carolina. Another group went to Mt. Airy and other points north and west of Winston-Salem. The eleven counties in the association were all visited.

The first group to reach Boone came by way of the Parkway at Deep Gap to Parkway School, and then to Boone, where they skirted the college campus, went by IRC, Shadowline and the new golf course. They did not stop until they reached Blowing Rock. From there they went to Lenoir and other points in Caldwell county before returning to Winston-Salem.

The second group stopped at Appalachian College where they were welcomed by Dr. W. H. Plemmons, president of the institution, and served tea. After leaving the college they also were carried by Shadowline, IRC, and the golf course before starting back to Winston-Salem where a picnic supper was planned for them at Tanglewood Park.

As they passed through various towns and communities, they were joined by leaders of the communities, many of whom continued with them on the tours. Several leaders from Watauga went to Winston-Salem Friday so they could be with the industrialists for their two-day tour of the section.

Included among the executives were men from as far west as California, as far north as Maine, and as far south as South Carolina and Georgia.

Many manufacturing organizations were represented. The chemical plants, bakeries, poultry processing concerns, sales organizations, and petroleum industry were represented.

Many expressed satisfaction at what they saw on the tours, and some expressed a hope to return when they had more time to enjoy and study the areas of northwest North Carolina.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Hagaman and Johnny of Winston-Salem spent the week end with Mr. and Mrs. George Hagaman, who returned home from Roseland, Fla. last week, and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hagaman.



WELCOME TO BOONE.—Herman W. Wilcox, president of Boone Chamber of Commerce, welcomes to Boone, left to right, Don L. Price, of Worcester, Mass., R. T. Dunlap, Torrington, Conn., and John T. Harrison, of New York, just after they alighted from the bus to visit the college campus. The visitors were among the more than 100 industrialists visiting Northwest North Carolina in a two-day tour, sponsored by the Northwest Development Association.



GETTING ACQUAINTED.—Neil Bolton, manager of the group of Northwest Executive's tour that visited Boone, introduces Grady Farthing of Boone to Freeman H. Session of Alexandria, Va. (seated) as they took a tea break in the tour through this area of North Carolina.

"Pygmalion" To Be Staged By Playcrafters Next Tuesday

"Pygmalion," a comedy of George Bernard Shaw, will be staged by Appalachian Playcrafters of Appalachian State Teachers College May 12 and 13 in the Administration Building Auditorium at the college.

According to legend, Pygmalion was a King of Cyprus who fell in love with a statue he had made of Galatea. Aphrodite gave her life and Pygmalion married her. In the play, Higgins, a professor

of phonetics, selects Liza Doolittle, a poor flower girl, and changes her into a seemingly educated lady by correcting her manner of speaking, etc. In the process, Higgins, a confirmed bachelor, falls in love with his protegee.

Maurice Stirewalt as Higgins and Maxine Cooper as Liza Doolittle head the cast. Others are Bud Mayes, Colonel Pickering; Barbara Brown, Mrs. Pierce; Becky (Continued on page eight)

Dr. King Dies In Charlotte

Dr. Robert R. King, 74 years old, former Watauga county public health officer, died in Presbyterian Hospital Charlotte last Wednesday night, following a heart attack.

Dr. King, who was Wilkes county health officer, had suffered the attack while visiting in Boone and was a patient at Watauga Hospital until a week before his death when he was moved to Charlotte. He had been ill for more than a month.

Dr. King, who still maintained a home in Boone, was a native of Little Rock, Ark., and finished medical school at the University of Arkansas. He was a Presbyterian medical missionary in Africa for 28 years.

He returned from Africa in 1932 and practiced medicine for three years in Rutherford county, later moving to Boone, where he served with the district health department until 1944.

In 1944 he returned to Africa and retired ten years later to return to North Carolina, where he was health officer in Cherokee, Graham and Clay counties. He was a member of the North Wilkesboro Kiwanis Club.

Funeral services were held Friday at 2 o'clock at the Presbyterian Church in Boone, by the pastor Rev. J. K. Parker, and interment was in Mountlawn Memorial Park.

Surviving are the widow, three sons and two daughters: Dr. Robert R. King, Jr., San Juan, Puerto Rico; Albert King, Chapel Hill; John King, Wadesboro; Mrs. J. Mayes, Boone and Mrs. E. R. Eberle, Waterford, Conn.

Blowing Rock Tax Bill Dies

A bill to enable the town of Blowing Rock to revalue its property for taxes, introduced in the House by Representative Edmisten, was reported unfavorably in the Senate last Tuesday.

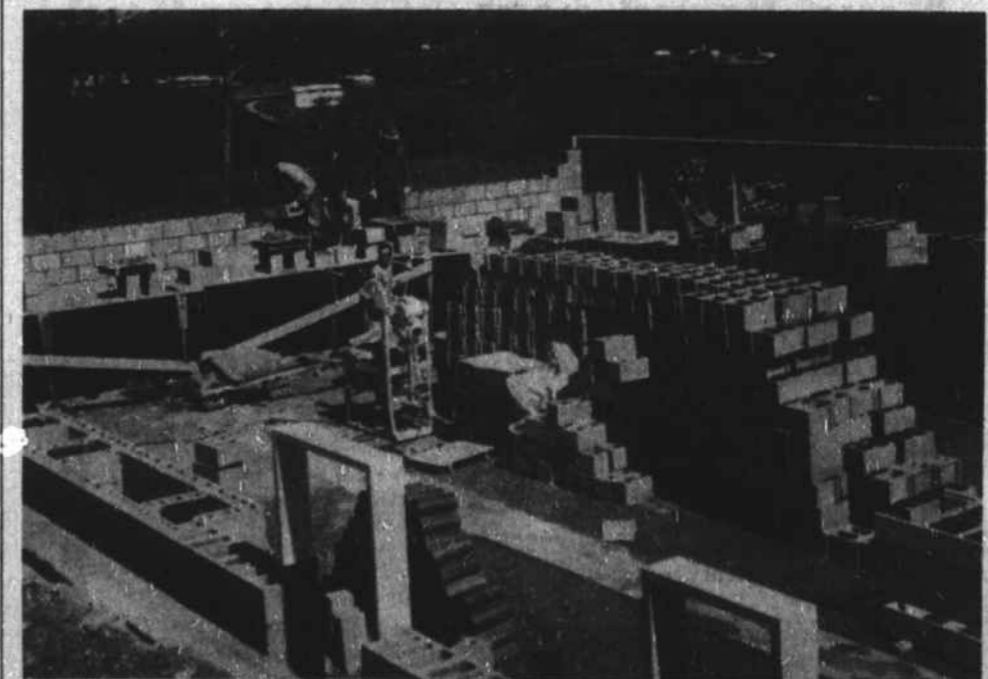
The measure, which had been sponsored by city officials at Blowing Rock, had passed the House some time ago. The Senate committee unanimously voted to report the bill unfavorably.

Blowing Rock straddles two counties—Watauga and Caldwell.

Mayor Robert Hardin of Blowing Rock appeared at both House and Senate hearings, urging passage of the measure. He said it was an attempt to equalize the tax burden in the town.

Watauga has a fairly high property valuation; Caldwell has a fairly low one. City tax rates are based on the valuations of the two counties.

The mayor said this means that residents living in the Watauga section of Blowing Rock are bearing a greater share of the tax burden than those living in the Caldwell section.



GOLF SHOP.—Workmen go about constructing the Golf Shop on Boone's golf course. The building will house the golf shop, locker rooms for both men and women, and the heating equipment. Later plans call for building a second floor to be used in connection with the course. Joe Maples, golf pro superintendent, hopes the building will be ready when the course opens sometime between June 1 and 15. He says the equipment and merchandise that has arrived is at his home now, but will be moved into the building as soon as possible.