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BOONE WEATHER				
1955	High	Low	6 pm	prec.
May 17	78	55	70	22
May 18	78	57	62	22
May 19	82	45	45	18
May 20	82	36	49	18
May 21	80	33	57	14
May 22	87	40	60	77
May 23	71	52	66	03
Total rainfall for period—45 of an inch				

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## Plans Complete For District Bus Rodeo May 23

Joe Ware, driver education representative of the motor vehicle department, said plans were complete for district 27 rodeo, which includes Watauga, Avery, Burke, Caldwell, and McDowell counties. The rodeo will be held at Low Creek School, one mile east of Lenoir on May 23. Principals over the county have elected the students to represent their respective school. There will be four contestants from Watauga county. Russell Earl Winebarger of Bethel High School, Milton Eugene Greer of Cove Creek High School, Kent Allen Miller of Blowing Rock High School, and Allen Hill Greene of Appalachian High School. Ware said the contestants were selected by skill in driving, courtesy, ability to maintain discipline, and life practices in all phases of



**FIVE GENERATIONS.**—Karen Smith, 19 months old, sits on lap of great, great grandmother, Mrs. Alzenia Hayes of Triplett, who celebrated her 87th birthday Tuesday, May 12. Seated at right is great grandfather, James Hayes of Triplett; back row, grandmother, Mrs. Greene Smith, and father, Basil Smith, of route 1, Boone. Karen can boast 13 living living grand parents. They are Mr. and Mrs. Green Smith, route 1, Boone, Mr. and Mrs. Spencer Blackburn, Idlewild, grandparents; Mr. and Mrs. James Hayes of Triplett, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Smith of Stony Fork, Mr. and Mrs. Monroe Blackburn of Idlewild, great grandparents; Mr. and Mrs. Cleland Greene of Stony Fork, and Mrs. Alzenia Hayes, great, great grandparents.—Photo by Flowers Photo Shop.

## 351 To Be Given Degrees At College Finals Sunday

### Edwin Gill To Deliver Address

The Honorable Edwin M. Gill, treasurer of the State of North Carolina, will address 351 graduating students at commencement exercises Sunday, May 24, at 3:00, in the Health and Physical Education Building of Appalachian State Teachers College.

Preceding the commencement exercises, Dr. and Mrs. W. H. Plemmons will entertain the graduates and their parents at the annual President's Luncheon in the cafeteria.

Opening the program will be the processional, "Pomp and Circumstances," by Elgar, rendered by the college orchestra. When the procession enters, the audience will rise and remain standing until the conclusion of the singing of "Sanctus." Immediately after the processional, the audience will sing "O Worship the King."

The invocation will be given by the Rev. J. K. Parker, Jr., pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Boone.

Mr. Gill's address will be followed by "How Lovely Is Thy Dwelling Place," sung by the college choir.

Dr. D. J. Whitener, dean of the college, will present the 318 students who will receive Bachelor of Science Degrees. Presentation of the 33 candidates for Master of Arts Degrees will be made by Cratis Williams.

The degrees will be conferred and the diplomas awarded by Dr. Plemmons. H. R. Eggers, college registrar, will present the diplomas.

Listed first are BS recipients; MA's follow.

Barbara Elaine Abernathy, E. Buff St. Lincolnton; Claudius O'Dell Absher, McGrady; Jo Ann Absher, West Jefferson; Margaret Brewer Absher, Traphill; Horace Clifford Aldridge, Crossmore; Charles Louis Allen, 228 Charlotte Rd., Rutherford; Robert Craig Allen, St. Paul; Marion Ruth Allison, Sparta; Raymond A. Altman, Box 118, Belmont; Jerry Bradford Alford, 2516 Wilson St., Asheville; William B. Anderson, 131 Edwards Ave., Spindale; Jane Bone Ardrey, Rt. 1, Matthews; Hazel Lewis Armstrong, Rt. 1, Box 167, Belmont.

Faye Lee Arrington, Mt. Airy; Dean Garland Auten, Belmont; Jimmy Ray Baldwin, Sparta; Luther T. Baldwin, West Jefferson; Beverly Ann Bailes, Whiteville; Carolyn Genevieve Bailey, Rt. 1, Burnsville; Martha Ann Baker, Kings Mountain; Luther Martin Banner, Vilas; Barbara Ann Barlow, 317 25th St. N. E., Winston-Salem; Bobby Jones Barnes, Rt. 2, Boone; Lorene Parker Barnes, Mt. Spring; Julius Alexander Beam, Roxboro;

Ronald Ray Beane, Rt. 2, Granite Falls; Ted Allen Bechtler, Rt. 1, Blacksburg; Jean Berry, Timberlake; Shirley Dean Berry, 1638 Chatham Ave., Charlotte; Donald Lee Berryhill, 118 Englewood, Concord; Frances Gretel Biggerstaff, Avondale; William Hugh Harland Biggs, Jr., Rt. 3, Blacksburg; Crumpler; Blanche Blevins, Rt. 2, Crumpler; Jacquelyn Mae Boswell, 121 Marshall, Danville, Va.; Sarah Underwood Bowles, Wingate; Betty Jean Bowman, 804 Vance St., Asheville; Grayson M. Bradley, Box 7, Corbin; Annie D. Brewer, Rt. 1, Boone; Peggy Ann Brittain, Rt. 2, Asheville; Douglas Kirk Brookshire, 614 Fry Ave., Newton; Larry Wade Brown, Box 113, Marion; Martha Jean Brown, 157 Rosedale Cr., Winston-Salem; Barbara Cargile Bruce, Rt. 2, Marshall; Ronald P. Brummitt, Bakersville; Emma Jane Bryant, Rt. 5, Box 82, Lenoir; Buster Burleson, Newland; Charles Augustave Burn, Charlotte; Franklin Eugene Butts, Rt. 3, China Grove; Shirley Osborne Butts, Rt. 1, Boone; Annie Marie Byers, Rt. 1, Forest City; Bobby Carle, 209 Kern, St. Concord; Anna Gail Camp, Box 711, Cherryville; Robert Darrell Campbell, Crumpler; Carolyn Cleo Capshaw, 1430 Pearl St., Statesville; Mary Lou Carpenter, Rt. 3, Marion; Marilyn Tate Carroll, Rt. 1, Forest City; Martha Duval Carter, Rt. 1, Lenoir; Peggy Ann Gray Carter, 2624 S. Main St., Winston-Salem; Anne Temple Cassidy, Spruce Pine; Sandra Carole Caudell, 411 Club Lake St., Roxboro; William Everett Caviness, Rameaux; Louis Everette Cayton, High Point; Margaret Chui, Hong Kong, China; Hildred Boyce Clark, Lenoir; James Curtis Cline, Jr., Boone; Bill Gray Coble, Mt. Airy; Hilton Jones Cochran, 353 N. Main St., Troy; Patricia Ann Cole, 1125 Hamilton St., Roanoke Rapids; Ray Von Cook, Rt. 1, Pilot Mountain; Nancy Ellen Cooke, Rt. 2, Lenoir; Alvin Lee Corum, 410 Lawson St., Leaks; Amelia Ann Cootner, Robbinsville.

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**SUICIDE CAR.**—Wrecking crew pulls car in which body of Dean Cook was found from lake. Inset shows youths standing on top of submerged car before cable (being carried by boatmen) was connected to car so that it could be pulled from water.—Photo by Flowers Photo Shop.

## Dean Cook Dies As Auto Dives Into Lake Near Rutherfordwood

Dean Cook, son of former Sheriff Earl D. and Mrs. Cook, died Monday night when he apparently drove his car into a lake at Rutherfordwood, just off U. S. 421.

Coroner Richard E. Kelley ruled the death as suicide. No reasons were given.

According to report of the incident, Cook was driving a Henry J. and drove into the lake, where the car was completely submerged. His body was found in the back seat of the car when it was pulled by wrecker from the pond. A boat was used to reach the car where divers connected the wrecker cable.

Lights of the car were still on when the car was discovered.

Cook, 40, who was living with his parents on Route 1, Boone, had been in construction work in South Carolina recently. It is understood he operated an earth-moving machine.

Funeral services were conducted Wednesday afternoon at 2:30 at Rutherfordwood Baptist Church by the pastor, Rev. Don Huffman. Rev. Jim Greene assisted in the rites. Burial was in the Cook family cemetery.

A son and daughter survive: Mike Cook, Statesville; Mrs. Earl Norris, Jr., Boone. One brother, Lyle B. Cook of Boone, and the parents, Mr. and Mrs. Earl D. Cook, also survive.

### Pickup And Car Figure In Crash

A pickup truck and car were damaged about \$200 Saturday afternoon, when they collided at the 105 by-pass west of Boone. No serious injuries were reported.

Patrolman George E. Baker reported that David Glenn Greene, route 1, Vilas, was operating a 1957 Ford, going west on U. S. 421, and attempted to pass Coy R. Earp, of route 1, Vilas, as Earp was turning left on to the by-pass, going to his home.

The Greene vehicle was damaged approximately \$150, according to estimates, and the Earp vehicle about \$50.

Greene was cited by Mr. Baker before a justice of the peace for passing at a marked intersection.

### FOREIGN AID CUT ASKED

Representative Wayne L. Hance, Democrat of Ohio, a member of the House Foreign Affairs Committee, has proposed changes in President Eisenhower's foreign aid program calling for an overall cut of \$300,000,000.



**BAND AWARD.**—Tad Buckland, left, receives Arion Award from Lions Club President H. W. Wilcox, at recent Appalachian High School band concert.

## Tad Buckland Is Given Coveted Arion Award

Herman Wilcox, president of Boone Lions Club, made the annual presentation of the National Arion Foundation Award to this year's winner, Musician First Class Tad Buckland. Tad is the son of Dr. and Mrs. G. T. Buckland.

In order to be an Arion winner, the student is voted on by the band members, the high school faculty and the director of bands, J. Perry Watson.

There are many points to be considered in awarding the student, among these are: Musicianship, scholarship, citizenship, leadership, being able to carry on the best traditions of the school and cooperation.

Many of the National Arion Foundation Award winners receive scholarship offers from colleges and universities, according to Mr. Watson.

Other awards given were: Outstanding Junior award—Raymond Smith; marching award—Shirley Hampton; service award—Richard Greer; cooperation award—Jerry McCracken.

Fourth year awards — Jilda Creed, Robert Agle, Gloria Hampton, Margaret Hagaman, Jerry McCracken, Buddy Ayers, Bobby Joe Winkler, Margaret Brown.

Third year awards—Bobby Yoder, Landrine Eggers.

Second year awards—Alice C. Greer, Barbara Matheson, Joyce

Graybeal, Marcus Cooke, Linda Mast.

First year awards—Carolyn Coffey, Bob Cook, Ann Greer, Mary Hartley, Jerel Dean Johnson, John Lett, Joe Lowman, Gwyn Michael, Ben Miller, Andy Stallings, Elaine Wagner.

## Ralph Whitley Rites Are Held

William Ralph Whitley, 49, died Sunday morning at his home on Grand Boulevard from a long illness with an acute kidney ailment.

Funeral services were conducted at Griffin, Ga., home town of the deceased, at three o'clock Monday and interment was there.

The widow, Mrs. Carolyn Blair Whitley survives with one daughter by a previous marriage, the mother and father, Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Whitley, and a sister, Mrs. Sarah Francis Williams, all of Griffin, Ga., also survive.

Mr. Whitley had resided in Boone for about ten years, where he was engaged with Mrs. Whitley in the florist business. He had previously been a florist in Griffin.

Economic report behind French reforms issued here.



**FINISHING DENTAL COLLEGE.**—Three Boone men, Lenoard R. Cashion, Fred C. Miller, Jr., and Dixon Qualls, will graduate from the University of North Carolina School of Dentistry June 1. Mr. Cashion, graduate of Central High School, Mooresville, attended Appalachian State Teachers College and was president of his dental class and president of Delta Sigma Delta Fraternity. Mr. Miller, a son of Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Miller, attended Appalachian High School and College, and Lees-McRae College and is a member of Xi Psi Phi dental fraternity. Mr. Qualls, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Qualls, attended Appalachian High School. He is a member of Psi Omega dental fraternity, and is on the UNC gymnastics team.

## 66 Are Graduated From Elementary School Here

Sixty-six eighth-grade students received certificates from Mr. Miller, Jerry Moretz, Glenda Austin, Judy Bumgarner, Mary Ruth Church, Evelyn Edmisten, Jean Eller, Pat Flowers, Gloria Gragg, Nadine Jackson, Amelia Luther, Judy McGuire, Elizabeth Hayes, Elizabeth Hayworth, Patty Robinson, Gay Underwood.

Tommy Barnes, Edward Brown, Dean Brown, Jimmy Cottrell, Bartlett Dougherty, Baker Edmisten, Joe Edmisten, Robert Mathe-

son, Stewart Oxentine, Johnny Payne, Ronnie Parlier, Bob Small, Tommy Taylor, Joe Todd, Loyd Trivette, Jimmy Watson, Roddy White, Junior Wilcox, William

White, Patsy Beshears, Carolyn Bumgarner, Frances Cornett, Donna Hodges, Carolyn Hoover, Kathryn Mast, Ala Sue McGuire, Bobbie McGuire, Eugenia Miller, Sallie Miller, Marsha Parker, Barbara Smith, Shirley Smitherman, Barbara Yoder.

## Driving License Schedule Is Changed In Watauga County

The new schedule for the issuance of driving license will go into effect June 1 in Watauga County. Driver's license will be issued one on Wednesday and Thursday of each week instead of Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.

Examiners Stansberry and Hen-

will be here both days and

the county will be getting four

man days instead of there as in

the past. With two examiners

working at the same time, more

licenses can be issued in two days

than can be issued in three days

by one examiner.

The hours will be from 8:00 a.

m. until 5:00 p. m.

Red China re-enters Singapore

rubber market.

## Festival Atop Roan Is Set For June 26

### To Sell Poppies On Saturday

Memorial poppies will be worn in honor of America's war dead on Poppy Day, May 23, it is announced by Mrs. Cleve Gross, local poppy chairman, who adds:

"These bright red flowers, symbols of the sacrifices of our country's war heroes are made by disabled veterans in hospitals and workshops across the nation. They have fashioned them as skillfully as crippled hands, broken bodies and tired minds will allow. Gratitude is paramount in their hearts and a prayer for successful distribution is on their lips."

"The underprivileged children, orphans and widows of veterans are all standing by, silent, hopeful prayers live in their hearts."

"Love for little children, recognition of the needs of disabled veterans and appreciation for the American way of life should fill each heart with a burning desire to wear the little red flower in memory of those who made the supreme sacrifice on the battlefields of the world."

## Singing Plans Are Given Out

The Watauga county singing convention will be held at the Gospel Tabernacle in Boone Sunday June 7, starting at 1 o'clock.

Mr. S. C. Eggers, singing chairman, extends an invitation to all vocalists in this area to attend and take part in the singing of the sacred hymns.

Red China re-enters Singapore rubber market.

## Mrs. Luttrell Dies Friday

Miss Mollie Luttrell, 88 years old, died Friday at Grace Hospital in Banner Elk, where she had been critically ill 9 weeks. She was born in Bristol, Tennessee and had lived in Montezuma for 60 years.

Funeral services were held at the Montezuma Methodist Church Sunday at 2:00 p. m. and burial was in the local cemetery.

Survivors are Mr. Mack Luttrell of Boone, Mr. Charlie Luttrell of Fierco, Virginia, Mr. George Luttrell of Charlotte, Mrs. Jeanette Phillips of Spruce Pine and Mrs. J. L. Banner of Newland.

## McGhee Rites Are Held Here

Mrs. Myra Matney McGhee, widow of Clarence McGhee of the Deerfield section died Tuesday morning in Lenoir, where she had been living with a daughter Mrs. Tom Stezer. She was 81 years old.

Funeral services were held Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the Friendship Methodist Church by the pastor, and burial was in the church cemetery.

Surviving are two sons and two daughters: Malcolm McGhee, Boone; Willard McGhee, Statesville; Mrs. Noah Storie, Lexington; Mrs. Tom Setzer, Lenoir. One brother and one sister survive: James Matney, Cordell, Okla.; Mrs. William Dobbin, Clinton, S. C.

Mayor Gordon H. Winkler, and aldermen, Wayne Richardson, Howard Cottrell and Grady Tugman, all Democrats, are all unopposed within party ranks, so far as can be learned.

Republicans, normally substantially outnumbered in the town, haven't announced plans for the nomination of a ticket.

## City Election Set For June 16; Democrats Set Convention Date

Official call has been issued for city election in the town of Boone, which will be held Tuesday June 16.

Mayor and three members of board of aldermen are to be elected.

Elsie Hagaman will be re-elected while John F. Greer and Coffey will be the judges of election.

Registration books will be open

June 6 and June 8 through June 12, 9 a. m. to 5 p. m. for the registration of qualified voters.

Democrats To Meet