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BOONE WEATHER				
1959	High	Low	5 pm prec.	1958—H-L
May 8	75	50	72	79-60
May 9	77	52	72	80-57
May 10	80	48	76	82-59
May 11	81	52	75	81-61
May 12	76	61	72	84-62
May 13	71	45	62	83-68
May 14	74	44	71	77-62

To Dedicate Parkway Link

Formal dedication of the Soco Gap to Cherokee length of the Blue Ridge Parkway will be held at the intersection of the Parkway with US-441 on June 25, Superintendent Sam P. Weems of the Blue Ridge Parkway, and Superintendent Fred J. Overly of Great Smoky Mountains National Park, announced this week. The dedication is sponsored by the Blue Ridge Parkway Association and the North Carolina National Park, Parkway and Forest Development Commission.

The 11-mile stretch is the southern terminus of the Blue Ridge Parkway, the 459-mile scenic parkway connecting Shenandoah National Park in Virginia with Great Smoky Mountains National Park in North Carolina and Tennessee. This newest portion of the Blue Ridge Parkway to be opened to the public begins at Wolf Laurel Gap, two miles from Soco Gap on US-19. The road goes through the Cherokee Indian Reservation to

Great Smoky Mountains National Park and terminates at US-441 in the vicinity of the Oconaluftee section of the Park, two miles from Cherokee. The road descends from 4,350 feet at Soco Gap to 2,100 feet at Oconaluftee. There are five tunnels on the section of the Parkway. Construction was begun before World War II and was interrupted by that war.

John Parris, regional editorial representative for the Asheville Citizen-Times Publishing Company, will be master of ceremonies. The principal speaker will be Ted Malone, roving reporter and commentator. Elbert Cox, regional director of Region One of the National Park Service, will represent the National Park Service, Department of the Interior. Superintendents Weems and Overly will also take part in the ceremony.

This section of the Parkway will not be opened to public use until after the dedication.



RODEO FISHERMEN AND PARENTS



QUEEN JULIE

Youthful Anglers Vie At Stallings' Rodeo

A hundred or more young disciples of redworms and bent pins were on hand Wednesday afternoon to participate in the eighth annual Diamond S Ranch Fishing Rodeo, and compete for various titles and prizes awarded in the event. The rodeo is sponsored by B. W. Stallings, and is held at his pond on the Diamond S Ranch for children up through 10 years of age.

About 50 fish, blue gill and bass, were landed by the fishermen, with Rebecca Osborne, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Osborne pulling in the largest.

Julie Richardson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Richardson, was named 1959 Rodeo Queen, and Mrs. Iris Stallings Mamlin of Asheville placed the crown on the barefooted youngster.

The rodeo, which is held yearly, is open only to fishermen (and women) under ten years old, and only pole and hook and bobber are allowed. Worms are used for bait, and many youngsters get their first "fever" for fishing at this event. The pond, Mr. Stallings said, is dedicated to the youth of Watauga county, and only children in groups are invited to use the lake.

Other prize winners included: For catching the least fish, John Moretz, son of Mr. and Mrs. Claude Moretz; most fish, Ginger Mast, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Mast; biggest thrill, Randy Watson, son of Mrs. and Mrs. J. Perry Watson; best fisherman, Jerry Deitz, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Deitz;

Best sport, Cecile Flowers, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Flowers, Jr.; most disappointed, Sharon Maltba, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Maltba.

Vickie Shore, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. V. C. Shore was winner of 10 silver dollars as result of her registration being drawn from the box.

Many other gifts were donated by merchants of the county and distributed to the participants. Refreshments were served to the fishermen and their parents.

Oil trade expected to double by 1967.

100 Vote In City Election

100 persons voted in the city election Tuesday, when the incumbent Mayor and members of the board of aldermen were unopposed.

Mayor Winkler received 99 votes, Howard Cottrell 100, Grady Tugman 100, Wayne Richardson 99, and J. J. Aldridge whose name was not on the ballot received one write-in vote.

Methodists Given New Ministers

Three new ministers will be serving Methodist churches in Watauga county, due to changes in appointments, announced Sunday by Bishop Nolan B. Harmon, as a climax to the Western North Carolina Annual Conference, held last week at Lake Junaluska.

The Rev. Preston Hughes will be serving the Boone Methodist Church, beginning June 28; the Rev. B. W. Lefler will serve the Todd Circuit.

Rev. Mr. Hughes, who will be coming from a four-year tenure at Mount Tabor Church, near Winston-Salem, will occupy the pulpit which has been under the direction of the Rev. E. H. Lowman for five years. Mr. Lowman has been transferred to the First Church at Belmont, in the Gastonia district.

Mr. Lefler comes from Lincoln, and replaces the Rev. Wayne Woodward, who is taking a teaching position at Mt. Pleasant School near Concord, to further prepare for work in the mission fields. He has been studying during his pastorate at Todd with the idea of going into missionary work.

The Rev. Joe Bill Davis is leaving the Boone Circuit to go to the Shiloh-Olivet charge near Winston-Salem, but at press time his successor's name could not be learned.

Other appointments in the county remained the same.

Other activities carried on at the conference which affected personalities from Watauga county included the appointment of Jack Caudle, recently licensed preacher of the Boone Church congregation, as supply minister to the church at Moravian Falls in Wilkes county.

Grady H. Farthing, lay delegate to the conference from the Boone church, was named alternate delegate to the Jurisdictional Conference which will be held at Lake Junaluska in July of 1960. Rev. Garland Stafford, district superintendent of the North Wilkesboro District, was named clerical delegate to the same conference.

30-YEAR RECORD
Colonial Beach, Va. — Judge James O. Hefflin has heard thousands of cases in 30 years but has never seen any of the defendants appearing before him.
The blind, 72-year-old jurist says the lack of sight has not handicapped him in his work.

Many Gather For Opening Of Links

Wade Brown First Player To Tee Off

Wade E. Brown teed off with a 150-foot drive Saturday morning as the Boone Golf Club officially, but informally, opened its championship golf course. He was one of the first foursome to play the 18-hole course. Others in the foursome were Major J. H. Thomas, assistant treasurer of Boone Developments, Inc., builders of the course; Ellis Maples, golf architect for the course; and Horace Dowling.

A large crowd of people were on hand as little Miss Sarah Brown, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wade E. Brown, snipped the ribbon at the first tee, to open the course to the public. The weather was perfect for golfing, and although a shower occurred during mid-afternoon, Joe Maples, course superintendent and golf pro, said that more than 40 golfers played the course Saturday, and that about that many were on hand Sunday for a game.

Although the course will not formally open until July 15, Mr. Maples said golfers will be allowed to use the course. The greens are not as perfect as he would like them, but are improving daily, and by time of the formal opening he expects them to be in good shape.

Memberships are being sold in the Boone Golf Club, and Mr. Brown, who is president of Boone Developments, Inc., indicated that the operators are pleased at the rate of sales. He said a large number of town folks have bought memberships in the club since the course was opened Saturday, and also a number of out-of-town golfers.

Membership fees, which when paid, entitles golfers to play on the course until April of 1960, and greens fees were announced as follows:

- \$75 for a regular membership;
- \$40 for the second member of a family who joins the club; and \$30 for each additional member of the same family.

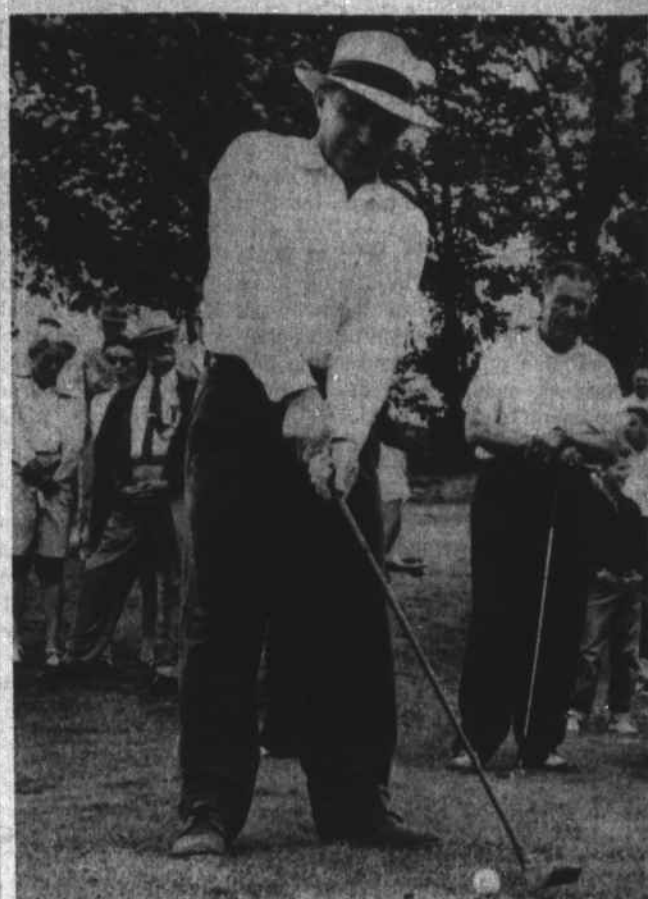
Greens fees, for non-members, on week days \$3.00, on Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays \$5.00.

These membership and greens fees are based on those of comparable golf courses in this section, Mr. Brown explained, and it is expected that playing time will be from one to three weeks longer than other courses in the mountain area.

The pro shop and club house have not been completed, but Mr. Maples said that golfers' needs are being served from the log house at the parking lot. These two facilities are expected to be ready for the formal opening, when it is expected that several "golf names" will be on hand to play an exhibition on the championship course.

FUNDS APPROVED
Congress has sent to President Eisenhower a bill appropriating \$4,643,263,000 for the Treasury and Post Office departments and the Tax Court.

The compromise measure was approved by voice vote in the House and Senate recently. It provides about \$45,000,000 less than Eisenhower requested.



OPENS GOLF COURSE.—Wade Brown takes healthy cut at golf ball as the Boone Golf Club was informally opened to play Saturday morning. Major J. H. Thomas, one of the foursome playing the first game on the new course, may be seen on the right.

Shadowline Addition Almost Completed

The new addition to the Shadowline plant will be completed except for some small finishing touches this week and machines will be placed at once so that the additional staff will be started to work by July 1, which is a month earlier than first planned, according to an announcement by Stanley A. Harries, executive vice-president of Watauga Industries, Inc., builders of the addition. Not all new employees will be started the first week, however, according to the manager of the local plant, Hal Johnson. They will be employed soon thereafter.



LOOD PLAN OFFICIAL—Mrs. H. Owsley who has been notified of her election as a member of the Executive Committee of the Charlotte Regional Red Cross Flood Program for the fiscal year 1959-60. Mrs. Owsley was notified of her election by Dr. A. W. McCurry, chairman of the nominating committee.

Frost Seen In County

Frost was reported in some sections of Watauga county Sunday night as the temperature went down below the forties in these sections. Although the official low temperature reading in Boone was reported at 44 degrees, reports from the Green Valley and Valle Crucis sections were that it went as low as 38 degrees. No crop damage was reported, but one motorist said he scraped off his windshield before he could come to Boone.

The stock sale, held recently by Watauga Industries to finance the building for Shadowline, was so successful, Mr. Harries said, that the \$100,000 of stock allowable under the charter was slightly oversold, but \$135,000 is needed to complete the first building and the expansion. This means that by July 1 the contractors will be expecting payment, and stock ordered to be paid on demand or by July 1 will be due and needed now.

Watauga Industries stockholders met last week to consider amending the charter so as to sell additional stock, and a motion to increase the total stock from \$100,000 to \$200,000 was unanimously adopted.

The board, at a special meeting, approved a motion to sell additional stock not to exceed \$135,000. It instructed the secretary and president to issue stock on receipt of payment up to that amount. This means that some \$15,000 additional stock is now for sale, according to Glenn R. Andrews, president of the corporation.

Mr. Andrews said, "Every man and woman interested in the industrial development of Watauga county should own one or more shares of this attractive stock. It's a good investment and will profit directly or indirectly everybody in the county. In addition it should pay a fair dividend."

Ten Arrests Reported

Ten infractions of the motor vehicle laws and arrests for same were reported this week by Patrolman George E. Baker in Watauga county. He listed them as follows:

Four for improper equipment; two for disregarding stop signs; and one each for failure to give proper signal, speeding, carrying concealed weapon, and driving on expired operator's license.

Blowing Rock Park Schedule Is Given

The Blowing Rock Playground schedule for the week of June 15-21, has just been announced as follows:

- 9:10-10:30 a. m.—Junior Girls' ball.
- 10:30 a. m.—Girls' soft ball.
- 10:30 a. m.—Free painting and work.
- 2:30 p. m.—Little League (at recreation hall in park).
- 5:00 p. m.—Pony League ball.
- 6:00—Senior girls and boys.
- 7:00—Paddle tennis.

Games that are open in the park throughout the day include ping pong, checkers, horse shoes, badminton, shuffle board, jump rope, paddle tennis, basketball, dancing, swings, merry-go-round, slide, and athletic bars, picnic tables.

Saturday, June 20, a ping pong tournament for singles are set as follows: Junior boys 2 p. m.; junior girls 3:00 o'clock; senior girls 7:00 o'clock and senior boys at 8:00 o'clock.

Trophies will be awarded to the winners in each division.

Rites Held For Mrs. Clay

Mrs. W. M. Clay of the Beaver Dam section, died Saturday morning in Watauga Hospital after several weeks of illness.

Funeral services were held Monday afternoon at Littlejohns Methodist Church in Caldwell county. Rev. J. H. Crisp conducted the rites and burial was in the church cemetery.

A native of Caldwell county, Mrs. Clay, 71, was the widow of William Martin Clay. She was the former Dora Kincaid.

Survivors include a son and three daughters, Mrs. Maude Bruns of Morgantown, Mrs. Cecil Swift of Reese and Mrs. Carl Ward of Dublin, Va.; 13 grandchildren, five great grandchildren; a sister, Mrs. Everett Clay of Lenoir, Route Seven; and a brother, M. W. Kincaid of Guilford College.



ATTEND RESOURCE CONFERENCE.—Standing beside welcome sign at Fontana Village are, left to right Kent Younce, Zionville, and Mary Lee Winebarger, Sugar Grove, Watauga county 4-H club members; and Mickey Zuber, right, assistant TVA county agent for five counties. Miss Winebarger and Younce were among 300 rural youths attending the fourth annual 4-H Regional Resource Development Conference recently. (See story on page two, section C)



CROWD AWAITS OPENING OF BOONE'S CHAMPIONSHIP GOLF COURSE