

advertisers invariably use the columns of the Democrat. With its full paid circulation, intensely covering the local shopping area, it is the best advertising medium available.

WATAUGA DEMOCRAT

An Independent Weekly Newspaper . . . Seventy-Second Year of Continuous Publication

BOONE WEATHER				
1959	High	Low	6 pm	prec.
June 23	80	63	69	.72
June 24	70	61	68	.03
June 25	75	63	71	.45
June 26	81	77	63	.15
June 27	83	66	76	.11
June 28	84	68	80	.71
June 29	85	62	75	.73
Total rainfall: .63 inch.				

VOL. LXXII.—NO. 1

PRICE: FIVE CENTS

BOONE, WATAUGA COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA, THURSDAY, JULY 2, 1959

SIXTEEN PAGES—TWO SECTIONS

Blowing Rock Will Hold Field Day In Observance Fourth

To celebrate and observe Independence Day, the town of Blowing Rock will hold its twelfth annual Field Day. This is sponsored by the town and the Rotary Club.

For the thousands of people visiting this area during this holiday, several activities are planned. Beginning the festivities will be the Little League ball game at the Horse Show Grounds. Blowing Rock will be playing Bamboo.

Beginning promptly at 2:00 p. m. will be a gymkhana and a pet show at the Horse Show Grounds. The pet show will be divided into two classes, the cutest and the most unusual. Seven ribbons will be awarded.

Immediately following the pet

show will be the gymkhana which will consist of five classes: children's jumping (ages sixteen and under), children's horsemanship, a water race, and the favored ribbon race.

At 7:00 p. m. there will be a community singing at the park. This will be under the direction of Dr. Walter Keys.

Following the singing will be a square dance which will last from 9:00-11:00. The dance will be held in the playground park pavilion and on the tennis courts. Music will be furnished by "Frog" Greene and his Country Gentlemen.

All activities of the one-day celebration will be free of charge.



DORM NEARS COMPLETION.—The south-east end of the new wing of East Hall is nearing completion, and it is expected that it will be ready for occupancy when the fall term begins in September. The building will house 176 Appalachian girls when completed. See story on page two.

Horn In West Set To Start Season Friday

Company Said To Be Best In History

When the horn call sounds this year in Boone on July 3, it will herald in the eighth consecutive season of Kermit Hunter's Horn in the West. The story of Daniel Boone, the Horn story tells of the faith, love, tragedy, humor, and hardships involved in settling our country.

According to Bill Ross, director, the company is stronger than ever this year. Well remembered individuals are back again and many impressive new comers have joined the company.

Mr. Ross, a teacher at Appalachian High School during the winter months, has been with the Horn since its birth in 1952. Ross started with the company portraying the villainous Colonel Mackenzie. His talents as an actor were recognized and he progressed to the leading role of Geoffrey Stuart. Last year, he took another step upward to become the director of Horn in the West, and this season he will resume his duties as director again as well as returning to the role of Geoffrey Stuart.

Perhaps the most remembered member of the cast is Charles Elledge, principal of Marion High School. Since the Horn began, audiences have returned year after year to enjoy his performances.

Recently having a speaking role in Robert Mitchum's "Thunder Road", Elledge can be seen in the Horn in the unforgettable character of Reverend Sims. He is also the narrator and assistant director of the production.

The role of Daniel Boone will again be portrayed by Glenn Causey, an Arlington, Virginia school teacher originally from Greensboro. This former ASTC basketball player, in his speech and stature, exemplifies in every way the epitome of the original Boone. This is Glenn's fourth year in the Boone role, but he, too, has been with the production since his first year.

Returning also to the company this year is Miss Mary Lawrence for her fourth season. Audiences will remember Mary for her sensitive portrayal of the Quaker Lass, Mary, but she will be seen for the first time this year in the role of Martha Stuart, the feminine lead.

Another returnee for her fourth season, Miss Ruby Wiggins of Fayetteville will again be seen in the comedy lead of the man-chasing Widow Howard.

A three quarter Creek Indian from Oklahoma, Ruth Arrington will return for her fifth season as the Indian princess, Nancy Ward.

The part of Colonel MacKenzie will be ably portrayed by Maurice Stirewalt. Last year Maurice was seen in the role of Governor William Tryon.

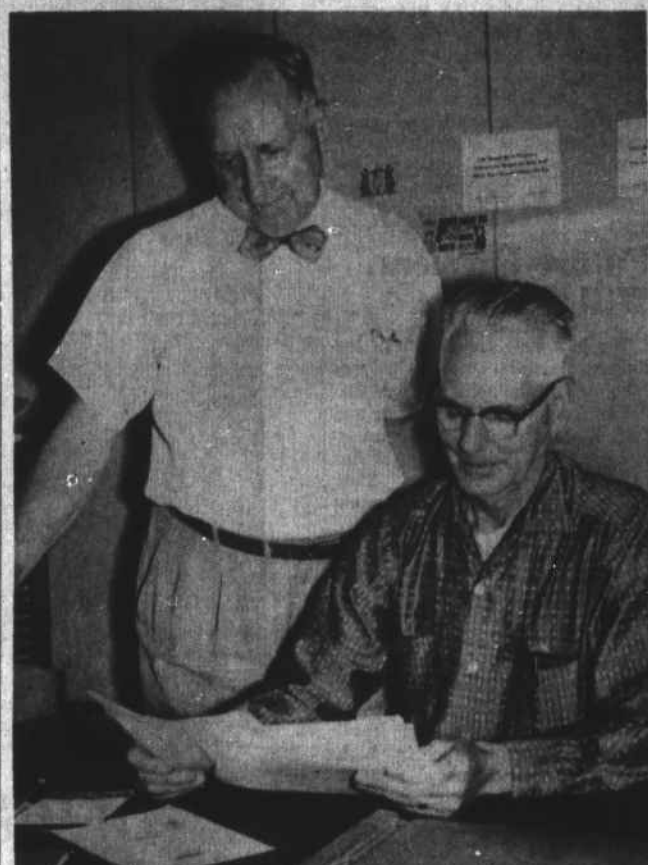
Mollie Agle as the Quaker Mary and Jones L. Storie as Atakulla, both Boone natives, are also new comers to the Horn stage.

Welcomed new-comers to the cast are Jerry DeVincent in the juvenile lead of Jack Stuart, Donald Norris as Toby Miller, Perry Watson in the role of John Sevier and Phillip Kelley as Governor Tryon.

Horn in the West feels fortunate this year to have as stage manager, Robert F. Smith. A native of Clayton, Georgia but considering Charlotte his home now, Bob stage managed and acted with the famed Schaffner Players in the mid-west and for the past four years has stage managed and played leading roles with North Carolina's Own Theatre, the Sausline Players.

Hoyt Safrin, choral director, and Joseph Rosen, choreographer, states that the music and dances for the production are rapidly shaping up and Gene Wilson, technical director, has added many new designs and effects for this seasons presentation.

Horn in the West will run from July 3 through August 31, nightly, except Monday, at 8:15 in the picturesque Daniel Boone Theatre.



NEW TOWN CLERK.—Emory Joines, left, who took over his duties as clerk of the Town of Boone Wednesday morning (July 1), looks on as Ed Clay, retiring clerk, shows him a few of the things he will be confronted with at Town Hall. Mr. Clay served for ten years in the office. Mr. Joines recently sold his furniture store on King Street.

Norma Ann Buchanan Rhododendron Queen

Bakersville—Norma Ann Buchanan of Elk Park Saturday was elected queen of the annual Rhododendron Festival at nearby Roan Mountain.

Second honors in the contest went to Sandra Jo Bryant of Spinalde. Judy Proctor Norman of Marion took third place.

Miss Buchanan was Friday night's winner in the talent competition. Miss Bryant won in the wim suit category.

Secretary of Interior Fred Seaton spoke at the festival Saturday, praising both the beauty of the mountains and the state's role in conserving natural resources.

He recalled over-harvesting of timber in this area and said, "Some of you, I know, were among the citizens of this area who helped bring such practices to an end" and who saw the region brought under "the protective care of the U. S. Forest Service."

Seaton also remarked that North Carolina was one of the first (Continued on page five)



DR. B. F. SHERWOOD, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Sherwood, of Sugar Grove, who is joining Dr. J. G. Martin in practice at the New River Animal Hospital. Dr. Sherwood, who will specialize in large animals, attended ASTC, received his BS in Animal Industry at NC State and his DVM degree at the University of Georgia.

Cook Elected To Symphony Board

Professor Francis Cook of ASTC has received notice of his election to the board of trustees of the North Carolina Symphony Society.

The North Carolina symphony and little symphony orchestras have just finished their most successful seasons in their history under the direction of Benjamin Swalin. They were the first state-supported orchestras in the United States.

The little symphony has appeared often at ASTC and at Lees-McRae College. It has already signed a contract to appear at ASTC in March, 1960.

Professor Cook is chairman of the public programs committee at the college.

Norris Dies By Hanging

David Norris, 35, ship's cook, first class, U. S. Navy, "died by hanging," at 7 a. m., Sunday, according to word reaching his family in Boone from San Diego, Calif.

Further details were not available.

The body will be returned to Boone for funeral and interment, but details haven't been formulated, pending further word.

Mrs. Norris lives at 603 Queen Street, Boone.

Many To Close For Fourth

The Merchants Committee of the Chamber of Commerce has recommended that the business houses in Boone remain open Saturday July 4, and close Monday, July 6, if at all.

Mr. R. D. Hodges, Jr., chairman, says that since most of the businesses will want to close Wednesday afternoon for the community picnic they might prefer to use this closing instead of the 4th or 6th.

County and city offices, together with the postoffice will close on Saturday.

The Democrat is asked to state that the following stores will definitely be open Saturday and closed Monday: Belk's, Hunt's, Newton's, Church's, Caudill's, The Fabric Shop, and Sears.



MOBILE ATOMIC ENERGY DISPLAY

Atomic Display Being Seen At Appalachian

Coach Job Is Still Open

No action has been taken in the matter of selecting a head football coach at Appalachian State Teachers College. This is the information given out Tuesday by Dr. Graydon Eggers, chairman of the college Athletic Committee.

The position became open upon the death last month of Coach Robert (Bob) Broome, who had held the post since 1957.

Dr. Eggers stated the committee is "still investigating" possibilities, and has several applications and suggestions under consideration. They are still receptive to other applications.

Dr. Eggers failed to name any person or persons that might be under consideration, and said they will continue to work on the matter until a coach is selected.

The Atomic Energy Commission now has on display its mobile exhibit. It is located on the Appalachian State Teachers College campus through Thursday of this week.

The large, van-type truck carries displays in eight related topics dealing with atoms at work. These topics are Man and Energy, Atomic Fuels, Fission, Nuclear Power Program, Radiosotopes in Medicine, Industry and Agriculture, Safety, International Cooperation, and Fusion.

The exhibits are open to the public, free of charge, each afternoon. On the morning of July 1, the facilities have been reserved for regular college summer school classes. Thursday morning is reserved for the fifty members of the National Science Foundation summer session for gifted high school students.

The exhibit truck will be located at the north end of the football field on campus.

Senate Kills Museum Bill

A bill before the North Carolina Legislature, which would have provided funds in the amount of \$25,000 for use in establishing a museum in Boone, was killed during the last days of the legislature, when it went to the Senate.

The bill, which was backed by Representative Jack Edmisten, had gotten unanimous backing from the House committee, and had passed the House reading, but died in the Senate committee.

The Southern Appalachian Historical Association, the group planning the museum, had backed the bill.

Museum's Cabin To Open Friday



MUSEUM OPENS.—Walter Tatum, left, and L. T. Tatum examine logs in cabin which L. T. Tatum gave to the Southern Appalachian Historical Association. The cabin will serve as the first part of a museum the association plans to build, and will open to the public Friday. Story page two section B.

'Holiday Highlands' Is Featured For Visitors

Today's Democrat carries a new feature, offered for the benefit of visitors to the "Holiday Highlands." Information about the area, and advertising of the many tourist facilities are carried in the "Visitors' Section."

The feature is expected to continue through the summer months, and readers may glean from the pages facts and information that will be helpful as they enjoy the cool breezes of the area.

Stories concerning the area will appear each week, and those hav-

ing information that would be of interest to visitors are urged to offer their contributions. Advertisers may use the pages to expound their products and facilities, and a telephone call to the Democrat office will put caller in contact with an advertising solicitor, who will help furnish copy and art work if needed for the advertiser.

The paper will be placed on many news stands not usually used by the paper, and distribution is expected to be widespread over the entire "Holiday Highlands."

Clark Will Speak At Land Bank Gathering

Rufus R. Clarke will be the speaker at the annual meeting of the Boone National Farm Loan Association's meeting of stockholders when it holds its annual meeting in Boone Saturday morning, July 11, according to an announcement by S. C. Eggers, president.

Mr. Clarke, who is well known



RUFUS R. CLARKE

to the association, has spoke to the group before, and Mr. Eggers expects he will have some interesting things to talk about this year. The speaker is president of the Federal Land Bank of Columbia.

A feature of the meeting will be the giving away of merchandise and merchandise certificates. Grand prize will be a portable television set. One hundred silver dollars, and a transistor radio are among the many other prizes listed.

A \$10.00 bill will be given the person bringing the most people with him. Usually about 850 stockholders, their families, and friends attend these meetings.

T. E. Haigler, regional manager of the Federal Land Bank, will conduct a quiz program, and prizes will be offered in this event.

Boone National Farm Loan Association is a cooperative farm credit organization affiliated with the Federal Loan Bank, and is fully farmer-owned, according to John Hollar, secretary-treasurer. Its purpose is to serve farmers in this area, Mr. Hollar said.

The meeting will be held in the Courtthouse, and begins at 10:30 a. m.

Bill to raise limits on parcel post is contested.

Mercury At 87 In Boone

While other areas in the state were reporting record-high June temperatures, Boone was sweltering in 87-degree and under temperatures. Tuesday, June 30, the thermometer went up to 87, while Monday it hit 84 degrees.

According to records kept for the Weather Bureau in Boone, a high for June, during the past five years, was in 1954, when the temperature went to 86 degrees. Not since then has it been hotter in the corresponding month than 85. However, except for the year 1955 and 1958, the mercury has managed to reach 85 at least one day during the month.

Rainfall for the month totaled 1.85 inches. There were several days that no rain fell on the town, and lawns and gardens suffered some. The middle of last week showers began and a total of .63 inch was recorded before the showers ceased. Average rainfall for the month of June is around four and a half inches.

A three quarter Creek Indian from Oklahoma, Ruth Arrington will return for her fifth season as the Indian princess, Nancy Ward.

The part of Colonel MacKenzie will be ably portrayed by Maurice Stirewalt. Last year Maurice was seen in the role of Governor William Tryon.

Mollie Agle as the Quaker Mary and Jones L. Storie as Atakulla, both Boone natives, are also new comers to the Horn stage.

Welcomed new-comers to the cast are Jerry DeVincent in the juvenile lead of Jack Stuart, Donald Norris as Toby Miller, Perry Watson in the role of John Sevier and Phillip Kelley as Governor Tryon.

Horn in the West feels fortunate this year to have as stage manager, Robert F. Smith. A native of Clayton, Georgia but considering Charlotte his home now, Bob stage managed and acted with the famed Schaffner Players in the mid-west and for the past four years has stage managed and played leading roles with North Carolina's Own Theatre, the Sausline Players.

Hoyt Safrin, choral director, and Joseph Rosen, choreographer, states that the music and dances for the production are rapidly shaping up and Gene Wilson, technical director, has added many new designs and effects for this seasons presentation.

Horn in the West will run from July 3 through August 31, nightly, except Monday, at 8:15 in the picturesque Daniel Boone Theatre.

Dr. Stone Heads Speaking Group

Dr. James E. Stone will head the committee on public speaking in this year's organization of the Watauga County United Fund, according to an announcement made this week by Grady Moretz Jr., president of the fund.

Dr. Stone's committee will arrange a series of talks on the aims and methods of the United Fund, and will provide a speaker for any group or organization wishing to have information about the coming campaign.

Dr. Stone is professor of education at Appalachian State Teachers College and director of the summer school.

The other members of the public speaking committee will include Leo Fritchett, Fred Gragg, Miss Jean Childers, Miss Lillian Wyatt, and Carl Smith.

SLIGHT DROP IN CRIME

The FBI has reported a slight drop in major crime in the nation's cities during the first three months of the year.