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1959	High	Low	6 pm	prec.	1958	H.I.
July 29	82	62	70	1.59	84	66
July 30	83	62	74	.51	83	65
July 31	83	64	76	tr.	85	66
Aug. 1	82	65	75	.51	85	66
Aug. 2	82	62	73	.51	85	67
Aug. 3	80	57	75	.51	82	65
Aug. 4	78	61	68	.51	78	63

Total rainfall for period - 2.97 inches



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Staff Photo By Joe Minor

WELCOME—Northern Piedmont Area Development Association and Northwest North Carolina Development Association visited the Holiday Highlands area last Wednesday and Thursday. In Boone for breakfast, the presidents of the two associations posed with Watauga county leaders. Left to right are Mayor Gordon Winkler, Bland W. Worley, president of the Piedmont group; Wayne Corpene, president of the Northwest group; L. E. Tuckwiler, Watauga County Agricultural Agent and director of the Northwest association; and Herman W. Wilcox, president of the Boone Chamber of Commerce. Top photo shows many of the group and their Watauga guides at Tweetsie, where they were given a ride on the famous narrow gauge train.

WOULD EMPLOY FOUR HUNDRED

Local Leaders Negotiate For Another Boone Plant

Civic Group Has Talks In Greensboro

The industry committee of the Boone Chamber of Commerce met Monday at Kirk's Restaurant, and named a delegation to go to Greensboro Thursday to confer with officers of a corporation that has expressed an interest in starting a plant in Watauga county.

While the committee did not release the name or nature of the corporation seeking information about this location, Stanley A. Harris, executive secretary of the group, said that, wherever the company decides to locate, it will mean employment for four to five hundred people the year around.

Instructed to go to Greensboro to talk with the chairman of the board and chief engineer of the corporation were Glenn Andrews, A. T. Adams and Mr. Harris. They will tell of the resources the county has to offer, and hope to be able to make a favorable report on their return to Boone.

Mr. Harris said that the county is also being considered by another industry as a place to locate an operation. He could give no details on this, but said they expected to be contacted by the interested party soon.

The industry committee is composed of Mr. Andrews, chairman; Mr. Harris, W. R. Winkler, Sr., Watt Gragg, Mr. Adams, Neil Farries, Willis Chester, Dempsey Wilcox, and Jerry Coe. H. W. Wilcox, president of the chamber, attended the meeting Monday.



275 YEARS.—Combined ages of these three residents of Mountain Rest Home in Boone is 275 years. They are, left to right, the Rev. J. M. Hodges, youngster of the group, who is 89 years old; Letcher Sexton, 93; and Mrs. Ada Worth Penn Coffey, 93. Rev. Mr. Hodges is from Blowing Rock and will be 90 in March of next year. Mr. Sexton calls Wilkes county his home; and Mrs. Coffey has been coming here from Lenoir for the last two summers.—(Staff photo Joe Minor.)

PLANS MADE FOR MUSEUM OPENING

Crittenden And Greer To Speak At Dedication Of Tatum Cabin

Farm Leaders Hold 3-Day Session Here

Superintendents from the 16 Agricultural Research Stations, Department heads, and other administrative figures of the School of Agriculture at N. C. State College, and their families, met in Boone Sunday for a 3 day forum dealing with agricultural and related problems.

Under the guidance of Mr. Cecil D. Thomas, Director of Research Stations, the series of meetings will feature informal discussions periods, aimed, Mr. Thomas said, at making a more effective Research program. Leading the discussion periods is Dr. R. L. Lounsbury, Director of Research at the School of Agriculture at N. C. State College in Raleigh.

The series of meetings was opened by an address by Commissioner A. Y. Ballantine of the State Commission of Agriculture. During the series the group has heard Avery County's Farm Agent Sam Cartner, and Watauga's Farm Agent L. E. Tuckwiler in a discussion of Agriculture in the North-eastern Mountain Area.

Discussion periods continued through Wednesday morning, at which time the group of 110 in attendance (Continued on page three)

The Southern Appalachian Historical Association will officially open its museum Friday, August 14, when the dedication of the Tatum Cabin will be held. Expected to be here to take part in the dedication are Dr. Christopher Crittenden, head of the N. C. State Department of Archives, of Raleigh, and Dr. I. G. Greer, president of Southern Appalachian Historical Association, of Chapel Hill.

The program, as announced by Stanley A. Harris, chairman of the dedication committee who will preside at the ceremonies, will begin at 7:00 p. m., and will be over by 7:45, in time for attendance of Horn in the West.

The cabin, located on Horn in the West park grounds, was presented to the Southern Appalachian Historical Association by L. T. Tatum, a descendant of the Revolutionary War captain who built it. The one-room structure has been in the Tatum family all the time until last year, when Mr.

United Fund Groups Named

Two more committees of the Watauga County United Fund have been announced by Grady Moresz, Jr., president of the organization, in preparation for the approaching campaign for the county welfare needs.

The Social Planning Committee will be headed this year by the Rev. J. K. Parker, Jr., minister of the Boone Presbyterian church, who has named the following to serve with him: Dr. H. M. Wilson, Mrs. R. H. Harmon, Connie Brooks, John T. Howell, Mrs. E. F. Coe, and R. D. Hodges, Jr.

The Social Planning group has the responsibility of studying the welfare needs of the county and recommending disposition of relief and medical funds.

The Nominating Committee has also been announced with James Marsh as chairman and a membership of G. C. Greene, Jr., Dr. L. H. Owsley, Wayne Richardson, and Herman Anderson.

F. T. C. NOMINEE APPROVED
The Senate Commerce Committee has approved the nomination of Sigurd Anderson, former Governor of South Dakota, for a seven-year term on the Federal Trade Commission.

Tatum gave it to the historical association, to be the nucleus of a proposed museum, to show pioneer life, ways, and relics of the Daniel Boone era.

A plaque will be unveiled by Dr. Greer in the presence of Mr. Tatum and members of the Tatum family. Inscription on the marker says: "Tatum Cabin—Presented to the Southern Appalachian Historical Association by Thomas E. Tatum, great, great grandson of James Tatum, a Captain in the Revolutionary War. This cabin was built about 1785, and was the home of five Tatum generations." The cabin, in excellent state of preservation, was moved from its original site on the south fork of New River, about fifteen miles northeast of Boone, near Todd. It was reconstructed on the Horn grounds and many articles used by the Tatum generations are on display in the cabin.

A document of interest on display is a pardon for Elijah Tatum, grandfather of the donor, from the United States, for the part he played in the Civil War. He fought with the Confederate Army.

Other relics in the Tatum display include:

A walnut cupboard, cherry cupboard, a small walnut chest, believed to have come from England, bearing the inscription "Southampton 1618," a large cherry chest, cradle, a butter churning wheel which Mr. Tatum's ancestors hid money in the buttermilk when Union troops raided the area, a crock spinning wheel, four poster bed, sewing machine, split-bottom chair, flax hackle, coffee grinder, fro, plow, small pot;

A tea kettle, Dutch oven, hammer, hot shovel, candle molds, oil lamp, corn sheller, reep hooks shoe lasts, shuffles, weaver's basket, cooking pot, iron pot, tongs, demi-johns, planes, cord tightener, side saddle, large pot, basket, broad axe, large spinning wheel, and other items.

The dedication program begins with music by the Horn in the West choir. A historical sketch of the cabin will be given by Mrs. B. W. Stallings. Dr. D. J. Whitener will introduce Dr. Greer, and then Dr. Crittenden will say a few words, and the plaque will be unveiled.

Members of the dedication committee include Mr. Harris, chairman; Dr. A. P. Kephart, Mrs. Stallings, Dr. Whitener, and W. Ralph Trueman.

FRUITS OF COOPERATION STRESSED

Civic Groups Tour Northwest

By JOE MINOR

Two development associations made a two-day trip last week through northwest North Carolina, one group as the "pupil," and the other as the "teacher." They touched counties all the way from Guilford to Alexander, on the trip up, and went home by way of Wilkes, Yadkin, and Forsyth.

Purpose of the tour, as explained by Bland W. Worley, president of Northern Piedmont Area Development Association, was to learn how the Northwest North Carolina Development Association operates. The Northern Piedmont association only has been formed since February, and the Northwest association has been in operation for several years.

A bus load of business men and leaders who are members of the two associations made the entire tour, and they were joined along the route for short periods by directors of the Northwest association and others interested in the development of this area, who explained various phases of development in their communities.

Wayne Corpene, president of the Northwest association, and Neil

Bolton, secretary-treasurer, kept the group on the move all the time, as they had to cover nearly 350 miles in the two days and absorb what they saw and heard.

The travelers spent more time in the Holiday Highlands than any other area, though much of this time was used for sleeping. They were guests at the Wednesday performance of "Horn in the West" in Boone, and spent the night here. Early Thursday morning, 6:30 in fact, they were routed from their beds and carried to Kirk's Restaurant, where they ate ham and eggs and grits, with several of the leaders of the town and county. Mayor Gordon Winkler greeted them on behalf of the town.

The itinerary, after leaving Greensboro Wednesday, included: Stop at Pine Hall in Stokes county; Dobson in Surry; Roaring Gap and Blue Ridge Parkway; Mahogany Rock in Alleghany; Trading Post on Parkway; Grassy Creek community in Ashe county.

At Grassy Creek, they attended a directors' meeting of the Northwest North Carolina Development Association.

Night in Boone, in Watauga; ride on Tweetsie; Blowing Rock; Lenoir in Caldwell; Taylorsville in Alexander; Moravian Falls in Wilkes; Yadkinville in Yadkin; and James G. Hanes Community Center in Winston-Salem in Forsyth. In every community visited the virtues of joining together in a development group were expounded, and in some cases the visitors were able to see how cooperation had caused improvements to be made.

Northern Piedmont Association is composed of seven counties, Guilford, Alamance, Caswell, Chatham, Davidson, Randolph, and Rockingham.

The host association covers eleven counties, Alexander, Alleghany, Ashe, Caldwell, Davie, Forsyth, Stokes, Surry, Watauga, Wilkes, and Yadkin.

The National Labor Relations Board has set up a committee to help streamline and speed its handling of labor-management problems.

The committee, which will suggest revisions of rules, regulations and procedures, consists of N. L. R. B. officials and persons active in the labor-management law field.

State Garden School To Be Held At College

Course 1 of the State Garden School will be held Aug. 17-19 at Appalachian State Teachers College in Boone.

Instructors will be Mrs. B. L. Smith of Greensboro; Mrs. W. W. Levi of Radford, Va.; and Dorothy Riddle of Pleasantville, N. Y.

Registration is scheduled for 9:45 a. m. on Monday, Aug. 17 in the lobby of the Fine Arts Building. The course will be conducted by the N. C. State College Extension Division in the auditorium of the Fine Arts Building.

A special feature of the school will be an exhibit of wild flowers.

This course is open to all garden club members and others interested in flower arranging and horticulture. It gives basic information on both topics as well as necessary information for competing in flower shows.

Wednesday, Aug. 19, is set aside for the written examination. Those who attend all sessions of the course and pass all parts of this examination will receive five points credit toward earning a National Amateur Flower Show Judging Certificate.

District flower show school representatives are Mrs. Arthur A. Pearson, Fletcher; Mrs. John McKee, Morganton; Mrs. Clark H. Broward, Charlotte; Mrs. G. T. West, High Point; Mrs. Lawrence T. Hansen, Greensboro; Mrs. M. E. Block, Lexington; Mrs. James R. Teabaut, Fayetteville; Mrs. W. C. Coker, Chapel Hill; Mrs. Cecil Wooten, Kinston; and Mrs. George L. Parker, Rocky Mount.

U. S. warns deficit imperils high-way program.

BRIGHT OPERA STARS VISIT HIGHLANDS

Benefit Performance To Aid Hospital And Orphans' Home

Banner Elk—Four of the opera world's brightest stars will journey to this mountain area to present concerts on August 7 and 9 in order to benefit the new Grace Hartley Hospital and the Grandfather Home for Children.

The August 7 concert, a benefit performance to help equip Banner Elk's new \$2,000,000 hospital, will be presented at the Anne Bryan Recreation Center of the Grandfather Home, at 8:15 p. m. The second concert will be held on Sunday, August 9 at Rumpel Memorial Presbyterian Church at 11 a. m., in nearby Blowing Rock.

Presenting both concerts will be Miss Beverly Bower, soprano of the New York Opera; Miss Helen Vanni, mezzo soprano of

Metropolitan Opera Company; Robert Nagy, tenor of the Metropolitan Opera Company; and Mario Fiorello, Baritone of the Chicago Civic Opera. Their accompanist will be Stuart Ross.

The singers and their accompanist will arrive by train early on August 7, the day of the Banner Elk concert. During their stay, they will be guests of Mr. and Mrs. Robert G. Hayes, at Blowing Rock. Between concerts, the opera stars will visit local tourist attractions including the famed "Blowing Rock," and the old narrow-gauge railroad train "Tweetsie."

At last year's benefit concert in Blowing Rock, gifts totalling \$20,000 were received for Grandfather Home for Children. The Home, which is currently caring

for nearly a hundred children, is a part of the famed Edgar Tufts Memorial Association, founded around the turn of the century by a circuit-riding Presbyterian missionary. The Association includes Lees-McRae College, Grace Hospital and the Grandfather Home.

Currently the Association has a new, 100-bed Grace Hartley Hospital Building under construction which, when completed, will replace the outdated 64-bed structure. The old building, constructed in the 1930's, is frequently so overcrowded that beds are placed in the hallways.

The new hospital, in addition to providing modern out-patient services, will include a completely-equipped dental clinic, the only one in this community.