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BOONE WEATHER			
1959	High	Low	6 pm Prec.
Aug. 25	80	63	.77
Aug. 26	79	59	.73
Aug. 27	78	64	.72
Aug. 28	80	64	.72
Aug. 29	80	64	.74
Aug. 30	80	64	.70
Aug. 31	78	63	.68
Total rainfall for period—2.08 inches.			

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## ASC Voting Takes Place On Sept. 10

ASC ballot boxes will be available in every agricultural community in this county on Thursday, September 10.

Farmers residing in these communities will have the opportunity between the hours of 7:00 a. m. and 6:00 p. m. of voting for ASC community committeemen to serve during the coming year. According to M. L. Shepherd, ASC County Office Manager, this voting may be from a slate of nominees which has already been chosen and publicized, or votes may be cast for a write-in candidate.

These committeemen along with the farmers who are elected as county ASC committeemen, will play a major role in the administration of ASC farm programs in the county. These ASC farm programs, Shepherd brought out, consist of the agricultural conservation program, acreage allotment, and marketing quota programs on the basic commodities, price support programs on the basic and several non-basic commodities, the soil bank program, as well as other special or emergency programs that might be needed during the year.

Persons who will be eligible to help select the committeemen who will administer these farm programs include any farmer who as owner, operator, tenant or sharecropper, is participating or is eligible to participate in any program administered by the county ASC committee. At the same time the community committeemen are elected, a delegate and an alternate delegate to the county convention will be elected. These delegates elected by farmers, will meet September 25 to elect the three man county committee for the county. ASC Committeemen elected will take office October 1. Shepherd cautioned farmers that with the very unstable conditions that exist at present with agriculture and with farm programs we just can't afford to let a feeling of apathy affect the participation in ASC committee elections. "We must all get out and vote on the 10th!"

## ASC Signup Time Lasts To The 10th

Signup under the 1960 Conservation Reserve Program is now in progress in all North Carolina counties and will be until the deadline September 10.

Clint Eggers, vice-chairman of the Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation County Committee, cautioned county farmers today if they do not visit their ASC county office before the September 10 deadline and request that maximum payment rates be set up for the land they are considering for reserve, they will be ineligible to participate in the program for 1960. He brought out further that they do not in any way obligate themselves to participate by requesting that these rates be established.

Filing a request for the information as to the farm maximum rate simply indicates an interest in the part of the farmer and helps him to make up his mind whether or not he wants to participate in the 1960 Soil Bank Conservation Reserve Program and the probable extent of that participation. Eggers reminded farmers that when they learn their farm maximum rate they will again be required to visit the county office to file a request for a contract. On the second visit to the ASC office the farmer must offer his land for placing in reserve at something less than the maximum rate previously established. The more the farmer reduces his bid below the maximum established, the better his chances of participation. According to Eggers funds available for new contracts in 1960 will be approximately half of what was available in 1959. For this reason farmers who offer their land considerably below the maximum rate will stand a much better chance of having their offers accepted.



WORKERS.—Members of the United Fund Admissions and Budget committee at work on the report which they will submit on September 6 to the board of trustees of the fund. Budget items are being considered by, left to right, Morris Barnett, Bob Bumbaugh, Chairman R. D. Hodges, Jr., Fund Treasurer J. H. Thomas, Mrs. Mae Miller, Mrs. Richard Kelley. Standing is Francis Cook, publicity chairman. —Photo by Flowers Photo Shop.

## Budget Committee To End Sessions

The Admissions and Budget Committee of the United Fund will conclude its sessions with a meeting Thursday night, September 3, according to an announcement by R. D. Hodges, Jr., chairman.

There is still time, Mr. Hodges said, for any agency to present its

request for admission to the United fund, but Thursday's meeting will be the last opportunity.

The session will be held at the residence of Mrs. Mae Miller, committee member, at 7:00 in the evening.

After final agency hearings, the

committee will draw up the recommendations for the 1960 budget to be presented to a full meeting of the United Fund trustees at Appalachian High School on Sunday afternoon, September 6, at three o'clock.

## Blue Ridge Corp. Will Hold Annual Meeting In Jefferson

### J. M. Storie Is Men's Dean At Mitchell



JAMES M. STORIE

James M. Storie, principal at Blowing Rock School last year, has been named dean of men at Mitchell College, at Statesville, according to an announcement last week by college president John Montgomery.

Mr. Storie, who is married to the former Miss Elizabeth South, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. E. South of Boone, holds a B. S. and an M. A. degree from Appalachian State Teachers College, and has done graduate work at Denver University.

The men's dean will teach mathematics and men's physical education, along with his duties as dean. Before going to Blowing Rock eight years ago, Mr. Storie taught three years in the Greensboro city schools system as teacher, coach, and assistant principal. He is a former lieutenant in the Navy, and still holds a commission in the U. S. Naval Reserves.

Mr. and Mrs. Storie, and two daughters, Pamela 13, and Julia 9, moved to Statesville last week.

Carl Litaker, who taught in the Appalachian Summer School one year, and a graduate of ASTC, was recently named dean at Mitchell College.

Mrs. Litaker has been named librarian at the college. She is also a graduate of Appalachian, and was librarian at Appalachian High School for a while.

Mr. and Mrs. John Marsh and children, Mary Darwin, Ellen and John Barclay, spent the week end at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Marsh in Mocksville.

Cecil E. Vivrette, general manager of Blue Ridge Electric Membership Corporation, announced today that the annual meeting of the members of the corporation will be held Saturday, September 12 at the Ashe Central High School near Jefferson.

The meeting will begin at one o'clock in the afternoon.

Vivrette stated the official notice of the meeting had been mailed to all members along with the 1958 annual report. One of the major items of business that will come before the members in addition to the election of fifteen directors to serve for the next twelve months and the report of officers will be the consideration of a rate reduction. Favorable action by the members could mean a savings up to \$342,818 per year for 17,500 accounts affected.

Vivrette stated that the 1958 annual report was a pictorial, graphic, and statistical presentation of 1958 operations and a ten year comparison. Some of the highlights of the report showed that

the number of consumers served had increased from 11,800 in 1949 to 17,300 at the close of 1958. During this same period, the KWH sales of electric power had increased from 15 million annually to 87 million or 48%. The revenues had increased 254% to \$1,774,000. One of the most revealing parts of the report was the gain in member equity. The members equity increased over a million dollars from 1949 to 1958, from \$40,000 to \$1,090,000 with most of this occurring in the past three years.

The report showed the assets of the corporation as of December 31, 1958 to be \$10,469,987. \$1,730,114.05 had been paid to the Rural Electrification Administration on its loans leaving a balance to be paid as due, of \$9,270,035.60.

This will be the 23rd annual meeting of Blue Ridge Electric Membership Corporation which has members in Ashe, Alleghany, Alexander, Avery, Caldwell, Surry, Wilkes, and Watauga Counties. The local manager is Neil Faries.

## Alumni Day At A.H.S. Will Be Held On Friday

Alumni Day at Appalachian High School has been set for Friday, September 4, according to an announcement from Principal Roy R. Blanton.

An assembly program featuring the Appalachian High School band and the cheerleaders will open the Alumni Day program at 1:00 p. m. in the auditorium.

Open House will be observed by all classes from 2:00 to 3:00 p. m. On Friday evening, from 8:00 to 10:00 p. m., the student body and graduates of Appalachian High are invited to an informal dance in the high school gym. The dance is sponsored by the Student Council.

Homecoming Day, as previously observed at the school with a parade, football game, and dance, has been changed to Alumni Day. Plans were made last year to provide for a fall distribution of the annual before graduates leave for college or jobs. Another reason for the change in plans is the foot-

ball schedule, which does not provide for a game on September 4. All graduates of Appalachian High School are invited to attend Alumni Day in the afternoon and evening of September 4.

## Rites Held For Mrs. Storie

Mrs. H. S. Storie, 66, of Pine Street, Boone, died at Watauga Hospital Friday from a sudden illness.

Funeral services were conducted at 2 o'clock Sunday at the Boone Baptist Church by Rev. John Gibson, who was assisted in the rites by Rev. E. F. Troutman and Rev. W. C. Payne. Interment was in Mountlawn Memorial Park.

Mrs. Storie was the former Miss Tossie Elizabeth Rogers and was born in Boone, a daughter of the late Wade W. Rogers and Mrs. Lou Pearson Rogers. She is survived by the husband, four sons and a daughter: Turner, Jack and Hunter Storie, Boone; Burl Storie of Booneville; Mrs. J. F. Powell, Charlotte. There are four sisters and three brothers: Mrs. Ella Higgins, Miss Della Rogers, Boone; Mrs. Carl Winkler, Durham; Mrs. James Vannoy, Columbus, Mont.; Alton, Henry Rogers, Boone; Coy Rogers, Deep Gap.

China believed to be winning drought fight.

## OVER 1,000 EXPECTED

# College Will Welcome Freshmen On Thursday

## Big Enrollment Taxes Housing On Campus

Appalachian State Teachers College opens a new term this afternoon with the arrival of the largest freshman class in history.

According to figures furnished by H. R. Eggers, the registrar, the freshman class enrollment stands close to 800. Added to this figure should be 115 transfer students, which puts new student enrollment upward of 1000. This is nearly 300 ahead of this enrollment for the same date in 1958.

The large enrollment, while a source of satisfaction to the college authorities, also brings its problems. Rooming facilities are taxed to the limit, with many of the dormitories for both men and women having been converted into facilities for three in a room. This is not the happiest situation, but is necessary to make a place for those who want to go to college and are qualified for college work. The requirements for admission, according to Mr. Eggers, have been raised and tightened.

There have been no changes in curriculum for this year. This is mainly because last year the faculty ended a four-year period of intensive and extensive study of the college's curriculum, and made a number of needed changes.

The Industrial Arts Department, which is the college's newest area of study, is being continued and emphasized. Dr. Howard Decker, formerly with West Virginia Institute of Technology, is the newly appointed head of this department, and is already on duty. Those who enrolled in this curriculum last year will continue with their work.

The fall term gets under way officially with the faculty meeting-workshop which is to be held on Thursday. Directed by Dean D. J. Whitener, the workshop has as its theme this year "Improvement of My Classroom Teaching." The workshop will consume the better parts of Thursday and Friday. The annual faculty picnic is scheduled to be held at Camp Rainbow at Foscoe on Thursday afternoon at four o'clock, with all faculty families to be included.

Freshmen orientation programs start on Friday morning at ten, and will continue through Saturday. Included will be testing, assemblies, registration procedures, recreational programs, a reception, and a dance. The freshmen attend classes on Monday. Chairman of the orientation committee is Dr. Max Dixon.

Monday a program of orientation will be held for all students transferring from junior colleges or elsewhere. Leo K. Pritchett, dean of men, is chairman of the committee for transfer students. Participating in this program will be President W. H. Plimmons, Dean Whitener, Mrs. Maxie Edmisten, dean of women, W. L. Eury, librarian, Ronald Brooks, director of recreation, H. R. Eggers, registrar, and Lynn Mize, president of the student body.

The upperclassmen return to the campus for registration on Tuesday, September 8.

The first college-wide convocation is scheduled to be held in the auditorium of the physical education building on September 11 at ten o'clock in the morning.

Homecoming Day is October 24, with the football game to be played between Carson-Newman college and Appalachian.

The fall quarter ends on Wednesday, November 25, at four o'clock in the afternoon.

Cratis Williams, director of graduate studies, says that enrollment in the graduate division is ahead of any previous year. Among the group will be 53 who have been appointed as teaching fellows, graduate assistants, departmental assistants, and research fellows. (Continued on page 4, section B)



DAM DAMAGE.—S. M. Ayers, superintendent of New River Light and Power Company, surveys erosion and cracks in company's power dam which are to be repaired. The work will be done after sealed bids are opened September 17.—Staff photo Joe Minor.

## Power Company To Repair Old Dam Built 36 Years Ago

Repair work on New River Light and Power Company's power dam is expected to begin soon. A call for sealed proposals, or bids, on resurfacing the 36-year-old structure went out last week, and the work will begin soon after the proposals are opened on September 17, and the contract awarded, according to Superintendent S. M. Ayers.

The dam, built in 1923, is located along side U. S. Highway 321, and is sometimes referred to as Tate's Dam because of the Tate's Tourist Court near it. While the

dam supplies only a fraction of the power needed by customers of the light and power company now, when first built, it furnished all the electric current used by the college, the town, and area.

The dam has been used continuously since its construction, but this is the first repairs of this nature since its erection. The section nearest the highway, originally dirt filled, was washed out during the 1940 flood. It was replaced with cement.

Mr. Ayers said the repair work

is considered routine, though the dam has not needed repairing before. The work will include resurfacing with about four to six inches of cement, as well as replacement of the flood gate.

The successful bidder for the job will probably spray, or "shoot" the cement on, Mr. Ayers said. The process is called the "Gunite Method," and will enable the work to be finished in a minimum of time.

## Chamber Launches Drive To Aid ASTC Endowment Fund

### Isley Is New Farm Agent



ROY W. ISLEY

Roy W. Isley, a native of Watauga in Carter county, Tenn., has been appointed assistant county agricultural agent for Watauga county and began work this week. He has a B. S. degree in agriculture and rural sociology from the University of Knoxville, Tenn.

Mr. Isley comes here from Roanoke, Va., where he has been on a large chain store's management program in marketing for the past two years. He has previous experience as an assistant county agent in southwestern North Carolina for two and a half years; was the TVA test demonstration agent in Swain, Macon, Clay, Cherokee, and Appalachian. (Continued on page 4, section B)

The Boone Chamber of Commerce has launched a campaign to raise funds for Appalachian State Teachers College endowment fund, so that scholarships may be provided for those who are not financially able to attend college. It is also pointed out that Appalachian needs to compete in attracting top-ranking students from over the State, as well as specialists with national reputations, and to make many other improvements not provided for by the State.

As the campaign opener, the Chamber of Commerce has mailed the following letter to the people of this area:

For the sixty years that it has been in Boone, Appalachian State Teachers College has become so much a part of the life of the town and Watauga County that it is hard to say where one begins and the other leaves off.

It is difficult sometimes to realize what the college has meant to the town and county, but here are some facts which bring home to us what its true worth is:

### William Holt Dies Tuesday

William Ervin Holt, 64, of Charleston, S. C. died at Blowing Rock Hospital Tuesday of a heart attack. He was a summer resident of Blowing Rock.

Funeral services will be held in Montgomery, Ala. but the arrangements are incomplete.

Surviving are the widow, two brothers and a sister: J. W. Holt, Greensboro; James H. Holt, Montgomery, Ala.; Mrs. Walter W. Gale, Charlotte.

Watauga County has the highest percentage of college graduates of any county in North Carolina—a fact due almost entirely to Appalachian's being here. This, in turn, is one of the things which has attracted the new industries to Boone.

The college is the biggest user in the county of Watauga farm products.

During the past ten years, more than \$6,000,000 has been spent for new buildings and improvements at the college, and many of the local people have worked on these jobs. During the next ten years, it is proposed to spend an additional \$5,250,000 for buildings.

The payroll for the college for 1959-60 will be \$1,619,000, almost all of which will be spent locally. There are nearly 400 employees on the payroll, all of whom live and spend their money in the Boone-Watauga County area.

Here are some additional startling figures:

\$350,000 is put here by the State of North Carolina each year, which is approximately \$275 per student for our more than 200 students.

\$1,200,000 is brought (\$600 each) by these more than 200 students to pay their college expenses each year.

\$400,000 is estimated to be spent (at \$200 each) by our students for clothes, entertainment, gas, oil, car repairs, and personal items each year.

\$225,000 is estimated to be brought by some 3000 summer school students (\$75 each) to pay their expenses. Almost all of them bring cars, buy gas, oil, tires, tour the section on the week ends, or bring their families.

\$720,000 is estimated to be spent (Continued on page 4, section B)