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1959	High	Low	8 pm. prec.	1958—H-L
Sept. 22	77	45	63	79 57
Sept. 23	78	45	67	73 54
Sept. 24	78	47	69	73 53
Sept. 25	77	48	68	79 48
Sept. 26	70	47	63	81 57
Sept. 27	67	58	66	78 58
Sept. 28	73	59	71	62 46
Total rainfall—.09 of an inch.				

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NORTHWESTERN NCEA EDUCATORS.—Part of the 2,000 teachers and school workers who attended the Northwestern NCEA convention at Appalachian State Teachers College last Tuesday. The all-day

meeting attracted teachers from Alexander, Alleghany, Ashe, Avery, Burke, Caldwell, Surry, Watauga, Wilkes, and Yadkin counties.—Photo by George Flowers, Flowers Photo Shop.

Success Of School System "Rests On Teachers"

Teachers Name Officers, Committees

Higher Education Division: president: Dr. J. R. Melton, Appalachian State Teachers College; vice-president: Dr. James E. Stone, Appalachian State Teachers College; secretary: Dr. David J. Middleton, Appalachian State Teachers College.

Division of Principals: president: John Howell, Appalachian Elementary School; vice-president: R. Paul Buchanan, Yadkinville School; secretary: F. C. Schiebout, Morganton City Schools.

Division of Classroom Teachers: president: Mrs. Barbara Hollingsworth, Mount Airy Junior High; vice-president: Miss Mildred Mullis, Morganton City Schools; secretary: Miss Rosemary Fowler, Salem School, Morganton.

Superintendents: President: W. K. Anderson, Avery County Schools, Newland; vice-president: N. H. Carpenter, Elkin Schools; secretary: Fred C. Hobson, Yadkin County Schools, Yadkinville.

Directors of Instruction: President: Mrs. Dessa Mae Edmisten, Watauga County Schools; vice-president: Donna Jones, Alleghany County Schools, Sparta; secretary: Mrs. Edna Bivens, Wilkes County Schools, Wilkesboro.



George Flowers, Jr., of Flowers Photo Shop, was up in the middle of the night to snap this spectacular scene of Country Super Market fire.

Dr. Lovejoy Is Speaker At NCEA Meeting

Near two thousand teachers, principals, superintendents and other school personnel attended the Northwestern District Convention of the North Carolina Education Association on Appalachian State Teachers College campus last Tuesday and listened to speeches and discussions of the various topics of interest to members of the profession.

Dr. Phillip Lovejoy, one-time educator and world traveler was one of the principal speakers.

Dr. Lovejoy stressed the need of new techniques to develop the best there is in every child, and emphasized that the success of the American educational system rests on the teachers.

The challenge facing public education also was discussed by Dallas Herring of Rose Hill, chairman of the State Board of Education, in a luncheon speech to the divisions of superintendents and principals. Emphasis on Quality

The next decade must be one in which emphasis is placed on quality, Herring said.

He said the state board attempted to obtain certain things—such as guidance personnel and more library help—from the State Legislature this year but "we failed to convince the legislators that these things would strengthen the quality of our program."

"But, we haven't been defeated. The leading legislators paid more attention and did more talking this time about need for quality in the schools. We will eventually succeed. And let no man say we're unwilling to try something new."

Other luncheon speakers included Margaret Stevenson of Washington, D. C., executive secretary of the Department of Classroom Teachers, National Education Assn., who spoke to the Division of Classroom Teachers; and Dr. J. Everett Miller of Raleigh, assistant state superintendent of public instruction, who addressed the Divisions of Directors of Instruction and Higher Education on "Our Gifted Pupils."

Sixteen department meetings in (Continued on page 7, section B)

Boone And Blowing Rock To Get Powell Funds For Betterment Of City Streets



EDUCATION LEADERS.—Dr. Charles F. Carroll, left, State superintendent of Public Instruction, Raleigh, and Dr. A. C. Dawson, new executive secretary of NCEA, confer on the problems of education in North Carolina. Both were principal speakers at the convention last week on the college campus. More than 2,000 educators from the Northwestern District, NCEA, were present at the all day meeting.

Boone will receive \$14,750.44 in Powell bill funds this year for the improvement of its non-highway system streets, while Blowing Rock will receive \$11,426.28, according to the State Highway Commission.

More than 400 North Carolina towns share this year in the distribution of \$6,766,092.58 in Powell bill funds, and increase of 4 per cent over the \$6,477,457.37 distributed last year.

Checks for their proportionate shares will be mailed on October 1 to 409 municipalities which qualify under the 1951 statute setting aside 1/2 cent of the six cent per gallon net State gasoline tax for the use of municipalities in maintaining and improving their non-highway system streets. The net revenue from the tax amounted to \$81,228,090.60 for the fiscal year 1958-1959.

Half of the total Powell Bill allocations, \$3,383,046.29, will be divided among all qualified municipalities on the basis of population at a per capita rate of \$2.21. The remaining half is divided on the basis of relative mileage of non-highway system or local streets of municipalities complying with the act at a per mile rate of \$474.95. Total length of such streets this year is 7,122.82 miles.

Three municipalities have been added this year. They are: Bayshore Park and Cape Carteret, both in Carteret County and Chowinoway in Beaufort County.

Tugman Is Elected To Head ASC Committee

Delegates from the ten ASC communities of Watauga County met in the ASC office Friday, September 25, and re-elected the following county committee for the ASC year beginning October 1, 1959 and ending September 30, 1960.

Vaughn Tugman, chairman; Clint Eggers, vice-chairman; A. C. Moretz, member; Joe McNeil and Ned Glenn were elected alternates to the committee.

The County Committee has the responsibility of administering applicable Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation programs in Watauga County. Such programs are the Agricultural Conservation Program, Price Support Program, the Acreage Allotment and Marketing Quota Program, the conservation reserve program of the Soil Bank and any other programs assigned to them by the State ASC Committee.

The Chairman, Vaughn Tugman, operates a farm in the Green Valley section of the county and livestock, tobacco and dairy products are produced on his farm. For many years he served as a community committeeman. He has served five years as a member of the county committee and for the past two years as Chairman.

The Vice-Chairman operates a farm in the Silverstone section of the county and produces livestock, truck crops, dairy products and tobacco on his farm. For a number of years he served as a community committeeman and was first elected to the county committee in 1957, and has been vice-chairman for the past two years.

A. C. Moretz, the third member of the committee operates a farm in the Deep Gap section of the county and produces livestock and grain. He has served as a member of the county committee at intervals for a number of years.

The alternates have served at county and community committeemen since 1940.

Court May End Today

More than half of the cases scheduled to come before Judge J. Frank Huskins, of Burnsville, during the current term of criminal term had been disposed of shortly before lunch recess Tuesday.

The term began Monday morning and 78 persons had had their cases heard by this time. Most of the cases concerned traffic violations and most of the people charged pleaded guilty as charged, according to Clerk of Court Austin E. South.

No jury trials had been heard by Tuesday noon, and they were not expected to get underway until late Tuesday afternoon or Wednesday morning. Court was expected to last until Thursday.

No "serious" crimes were included in the 127 cases coming before Judge Huskins this week. Most of the cases involved commission of misdemeanors, speeding heading the list with 34 indictments. Twenty-one were charged with driving drunk, 12 with violating the prohibition laws, 10 each for driving without license and with expired (Continued on page 7, section B)

Road Hearing Set At Elkin

Elkin—A public hearing on important road matters in the Eleventh Highway Division will be held here October 8, according to Division Engineer J. H. Council.

City and county officials and the general public are invited to attend the meeting to discuss road requests with representatives of the Eleventh Division. The meeting will be held Thursday, Oct. 8, in the Gilvin Roth YMCA at Elkin, from 10 a. m. until 12 noon.

This is one of a series of public meetings to be held in the Eleventh Division, which is composed of Avery, Caldwell, Watauga, Ashe, Wilkes, Surry, Yadkin and Alleghany Counties.

Soil Bank Deadline Is Extended To Oct. 9

The closing date for accepting requests for the establishment of per acre rates under the Soil Bank Conservation Reserve has been extended through October 9, 1959. Farmers interested in applying for rates should apply at the ASC office before the closing date.

The date for filing requests for contracts remains the same, October 16, 1959. Applications for requests for rates and contracts may be made at the same time on Tuesday, October 6, when the

Vilas Market Razed In Midnight Blaze

Fire of undetermined origin destroyed the Country Super Market late Tuesday night of last week. The Boone Volunteer Fire Department answered a call about 11:30 o'clock, and stayed on the scene until about 2:30 a. m. Wednesday.

The store-filling station-apartment combination was located about six miles west of Boone on U. S. Highway 421. It was owned by Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Kiziah.

By the time the fire department reached the scene, the fire was so far advanced that the firemen concentrated their efforts to saving a woodworking shop at the rear. Water from a nearby stream was pumped on the building to save it from the intense heat of the fire, according to Carl Greene, town employee who aided in fighting the fire. They also doused gas pumps in front of the store with water to prevent them from being ignited and maybe exploding the underground tanks.

Mrs. Kiziah and a neighbor, Mrs. Lonnie Henson, were asleep in an apartment at the store. Mrs. Henson, who was spending the night with Mrs. Kiziah while Mr. Kiziah was in Hickory where he is in the contracting business, was awakened by the smell of smoke. They had closed the store about 9:30 and retired. Mrs. Kiziah was feeling ill when she went to bed, and had to be awakened and forced to leave the burning building by Mrs. Henson.

The building and its entire contents, which included merchandise, refrigeration equipment and all the things needed to operate a store and service station, and household articles, were lost. Loss was expected to be in the thousands of dollars, Mrs. Kiziah said Wednesday.

While no one knew the exact cause of the fire, Mr. Greene advanced the theory that it started from defective wiring.

North Carolina Symphony Will Get Fund Aid And Fete Kiddies

School children of Watauga County will in March 1960 join the 110,881 North Carolina children who last year witnessed special children's matinees of the North Carolina Symphony Orchestra. An allotment to provide for the matinee is included in the budget for the Watauga County United Fund this year.

Sixty such children's matinees were given in the state last year, receiving their support from United Funds, industry and business, and local membership drives of symphony society chapters. A local United Fund official has (Continued on page 7, section B)

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SYMPHONY SUPPORT.—A group of North Carolina children watch a special children's matinee of the North Carolina Symphony Orchestra in 1958, when 110,000 Carolina children enjoyed 60 such educational events. A similar scene will take place in Watauga County in 1960, when the United Fund will provide a free children's matinee for the county schools.

Officer Investigates Highway Accidents

Patrolman George E. Baker reported investigating two wrecks last week, with total property damage of approximately \$500. No one was listed as hurt.

The first, on Tuesday, October 22, occurred about 10:45 a. m. on US highway 421, east of Boone.

According to the report, Conley William Church, route 2, Boone, was operating a pickup truck owned by Mountain Lumber Co., of Boone. He was traveling west and had stopped for a car to turn left into a private driveway. Forest Edward Mostelle, of Hickory, was following the Church pickup and was unable to stop, running into the rear of the Church truck.

The car that was turning off, did not stop. Damage to both vehicles was approximately \$100.00.

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Mrs. Queen Wins Contest

Mrs. Grant A. Queen, 217 East Howard Street, is the winner of The Democrat's football contest for last week, and a check for \$25 is being forwarded to Mrs. Queen. Interest is mounting in the contest, and readers are asked to turn now to the football page and fill out the contest form.

Attention is called to the contest rules, one of which is that entries must be postmarked not later than Friday midnight to be eligible in the competition. All forms must be mailed to the Democrat, Drawer 353, Boone, N. C.

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