

# WATAUGA DEMOCRAT

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BOONE WEATHER				
1959	High	Low	6 pm. prec.	1958-59
Sept. 29	71	58	.09	64
Sept. 30	65	52	2.87	63
Oct. 1	69	53	.60	63
Oct. 2	73	49	.00	55
Oct. 3	72	55	.68	57
Oct. 4	79	52	.67	68
Oct. 5	80	52	.70	69
Total rainfall 3.62 inches.				

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## ASC Group Takes Over October 1

The newly elected ASC Committee took office on October 1. They immediately began to plan to carry out their responsibilities for the coming year. "It is our desire to render the best service possible to all farmers in the county with as many of our programs as are applicable to their farms," Vaughn Tugman, Chairman said today. He urged that farmers make use of the recently elected community committeemen in their respective communities. "All working together, we can do a better job," he said.

Strange to say, few people realize what important part ASC committeemen have in the administration of our farm programs. They are the grass roots of all ASC programs, and their services are necessary in varied ways for the effective administration and attainments of such programs.

The County Committee serves as a board of directors in the employment of a capable office manager, setting policies, reviewing work plans and progress of the work, determining that programs and operations are effectively administered, and that all programs are operated in accordance with regulations and instructions and State Committee policies.

The responsibilities of community committeemen are to assist the county committee in carrying out programs assigned to it, inform farmers concerning the purposes and provisions of programs being administered in the county by the county committee, assist in arranging for and conducting necessary community meetings, determining performance, and other duties assigned to them by the county committee.

Some of the major accomplishments during the past year are outlined below:

County office administrative funds were budgeted for each month in such a manner that a substantial amount was left at the end of the fiscal year.

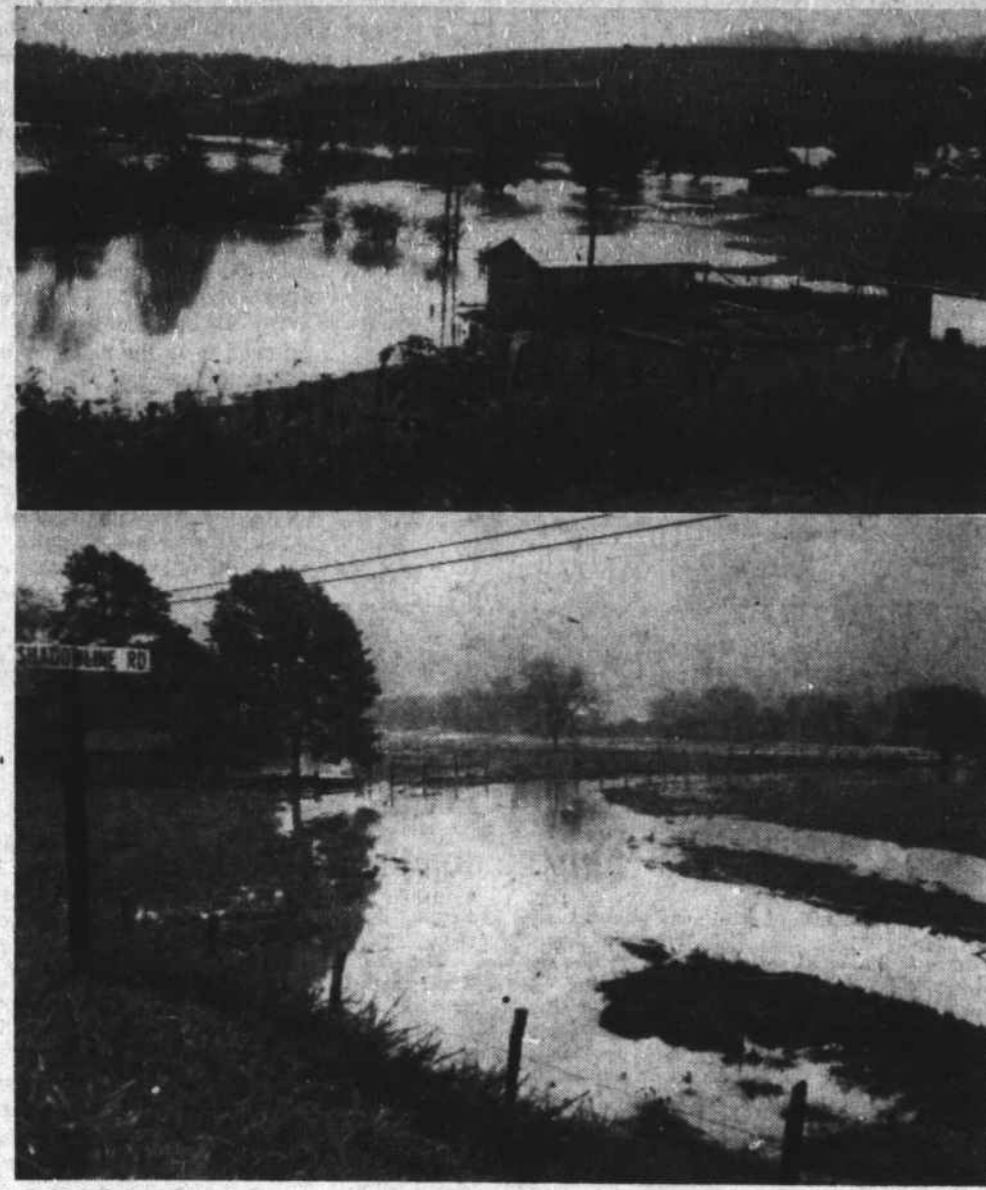
Additional space was secured from the County Commissioners, and the office was re-arranged to give farmers faster and better service. Necessary additional equipment was purchased.

More than 30,000 pieces of mail was prepared and mailed to all farmers and others in the administration of all programs.

Weekly newsletters were mailed to all committeemen, vendors, agricultural agencies and civic organizations.

Weekly radio broadcasts were made. Special spot announcements were made from time to time.

Under the authority granted by the County Committee the office (Continued on page 5, section B)



**WATER**—Rains of last week filled the streams and overflowed into the fields about. Top picture was taken from driveway of Mr. and Mrs. Grady Greer on New River and shows fields completely covered with water. A fence row (near center) was barely visible. Bottom, taken from the Blowing Rock road, shows overflow of Boone Creek, near Shadowline road.—Staff photos.

## Hurricane Gracie Spills Rains Of Torrential Proportions Here

Boone had more than three and a half inches of rain dumped on it last week while hurricane Gracie was cavorting around the area. Other sections of the county had even more, and streams were out of their banks in several places over the county. The heaviest rainfall was recorded at the Boone weather observation station Wednesday morning. It had fallen all day Tuesday and Tuesday night.

Schools in the county were closed Wednesday as a result of the flooded roads.

The streams began rising late Tuesday night, and by early Wednesday morning the flooding was noticed. Several low water bridges over the creeks and rivers were covered with water.

The south fork of New River left its banks and flooded meadows and lowland along its course. Cove Creek was out of its banks Wednesday and caused considerable inconvenience. The lower end of the Boone Golf Course was under water part of the time, and debris left by the receding waters caused extra work for maintenance crews.

The weather cleared late Wednesday afternoon and the streams receded without too much permanent damage being reported, although some corn in the fields was damaged. As one person said when asked about the hay crop: "It's all baled nowadays, and stored in the barn." Just a few years ago, hay stacks might have been washed away at a time like this, and much valuable feed lost.

## Robt. Harmon Killed In New York Crash

Robert Harmon, 30, of Beech Creek, was fatally injured in an automobile accident at New Fane, New York, Monday of last week.

Information is that Mr. Harmon lost control of his automobile, and was killed when the car turned over.

He had been employed in New York State for some time.

Funeral services were conducted at the Beech Valley Baptist Church in Watauga county at 2 o'clock Friday. Rev. Ronda Earp, Rev. Bynum Trivett and Rev. Carl Wilson were in charge of the rites and burial was in the church cemetery.

Survivors include the parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jake Harmon, Beech Creek; nine brothers and five sisters: Luther Harmon, Banner Elk; Ray Harmon, Johnson City, Tenn.; Frank, Willard, Ira, Clint, Ronald, Lewis and Clyde Harmon of Beech Creek; Mrs. Lora Presnell, Johnson City, Tenn.; Mrs. Mae Townsend, Lenoir; Mrs. Carrie Mast, Mrs. Mary Presnell, Miss Pansy Harmon, Beech Creek.

## Red Cross Bloodmobile To Visit Here Oct. 29

The Red Cross bloodmobile will make its next quarterly stop in Boone on Thursday, October 29, according to announcement by local officials of the Red Cross.

Donors who contribute to the bloodmobile collection will be adding to the blood bank available for hospitals and any possible national emergency. They will also earn eligibility themselves to receive blood at blood bank hospitals without charge for themselves and their immediate families.

Anyone between the ages of twenty-one and sixty and in good health is eligible to make a donation. Students between eighteen and twenty-one may contribute with their parents' consent.

Local officials are hoping for a good turnout this time, as a slight deficit from Watauga County's summer quota needs to be made up.

The bloodmobile unit, as an activity of the Red Cross, is one of the agencies supported in Watauga County by the United Fund.



**TARGET PRACTICE**—Law enforcement officers of Blowing Rock, Boone, and Watauga county line up for target practice, under the tutelage of F. B. Beachum, of the State Bureau of Investigation, sponsors of the Officers School concluded here last week. Left to right, they are: Bill Greene, Blowing Rock policeman; Carl Greene, Boone policeman; Highway Patrolman W. D. Teem; Sheriff's Deputies Emmitt Oliver and Clarence Wilson, and Sheriff E. M. Hodges. Scoring placed Patrolman Teem as high man with Sheriff Hodges second.—Photo Flowers Photo Shop.

## B. Rock Man Dies In Lumber Accident

James Harley Ashley, 56, native of Blowing Rock, died in a lumbering accident at Montross, Va. last Tuesday.

Mr. Ashley was said to have been crushed by a rolling log.

He had resided in Montross for a number of years.

Funeral services were held at the Middle Fork Baptist Church Thursday by Rev. R. H. Shore, and Rev. Carson Eggers and burial was in the church cemetery.

Surviving are the widow, Mrs. Lola Ashley, four sons and two daughters, Jimmy, Montross, Va.; Kenneth, Fairfax, Va.; Clifford, Moraga, Calif.—Something original in college initiations is under way on St. Mary's College campus.

Sophomores have 251 freshmen at work planting 1,000 pine tree seedlings.

# State Bond Vote Decides Building Fate At ASTC

## Bond Issue Outcome Of Local Concern

Appalachian State Teachers College will get \$1,577,000 for the construction of new buildings if the voters approve the State bond issue for \$18,891,000 for their educational institutions in the election to be held Tuesday October 27.

Presuming the bond issue will carry Appalachian will construct a \$810,000 science building, and \$375,000, or half the cost of a new dormitory to house 300 students will also be provided.

The remaining money will be used for the renovation of the Administration building, Daugh-Blair Hall, and construction of a new athletic field.

Dr. W. H. Plemmons, President of Appalachian, in a message to members of the Alumni Association, said, "all these things and more are necessary if the college is to be able to provide adequate dormitory and classroom space, teaching services and other requirements for its growing student body, which is estimated to reach 3,000 by 1965."

Dr. Plemmons urged the alumni and students to work and vote for passage of the bond proposal.

Several issues included:

- The college building fund is only one of the issues to be voted upon. The ballots will be divided into nine parts, and each item may be voted on separately, it is understood.
- Following are the specific issues upon which the voters will pass judgment:
  - \$18,891,000 State Educational Institutions Capital Improvement Bonds.
  - \$12,053,000 State Mental Institutions Capital Improvement Bonds.
  - \$1,500,000 Community College Capital Improvement Bonds.
  - \$500,000 Hospital Capital Improvement Bonds.
  - \$100,000 State Army Capital Improvement Bonds.
  - \$466,000 State Training School Capital Improvement Bonds.
  - \$140,000 State Blind Rehabilitation Center Capital Improvement Bonds.
  - \$500,000 North Carolina State Ports Bonds.
  - \$250,000 Historical Sites Construction and Restoration Bonds.

Registration Books Open

The election will be carried out in the same manner as general elections. Registration books opened last Saturday and will remain open through October 17. Registrars will be at the polling places the next two Saturdays and may be seen at their homes on other days. October 24th is challenge day. All persons who have not registered and voted in previous elections will be required to register if they care to vote.

The item for college construction is expected to be of compelling interest locally.

The nine separate proposals included in the statewide bond vote contemplate the issuance of \$34,400,000 in new State bonds.



Herman W. Wilcox, Mrs. Rachel Klutz, and John R. Elliott. (Photo by Paul Weston Studio)

## Auto License Bureau Is Opened

John R. Elliott, Field Secretary of the Carolina Motor Club advised that a new office had been opened September 28th at the Chamber of Commerce, which is located in the Bus Terminal Building.

Mr. Herman W. Wilcox is the manager and Mrs. Rachel Klutz will assist him in the license work. 1959 plates are now on sale and this office can make transfers of titles on any vehicles, including those from out of state. 1960 licenses will go on sale January 2, 1960.

Mr. Elliott advises that this makes a total of 86 offices throughout the state that the AAA has made this service available to the public.



MISS PAT LEE

## Pat Lee Will Feature Club Fashion Show

The Boone Junior Woman's Club, in co-operation with Grace and Jack Mock, are staging a showing of "Winter Fashions for Milady" on Thursday evening, October 8th, at 8:00 p. m. in the Elementary School Auditorium.

Appearing as commentator will be Miss Pat Lee of Charlotte, versatile radio and television personality on WBT and WBTB. Miss Lee is currently the star of both a radio and television program, originating in Charlotte. She was formerly associated with the ABC network in New York City.

Featured in the showing, along with Miss Lee, will be a number of local models.

Mr. and Mrs. Mock have recently returned from New York City, where they selected fashions especially for this showing. The latest winter styles in sports clothes, casual wear, suits, afternoon dresses, formal wear, and furs, will be shown.

Tickets at one dollar each may be purchased from any club member, at the door on the evening of the showing, or by calling Mrs. Johnny Barnett, Ways and Means Chairman of the club.

The Junior Woman's Club sponsors fund raising activities each year to enable them to carry on the many civic and welfare projects they undertake. Support of this activity will be greatly appreciated by club members.

Mrs. Barnett has announced that valuable door prizes will be given.

## Many Faculty Members At College Promoted

Five Appalachian State Teachers College faculty members have been promoted to full professorships according to an announcement from the office of the President, Dr. W. H. Plemmons.

Dr. Ben H. Horton, Jr. of Shelby and Rock Hill, S. C., head of the department of education; Dr. Golden T. Buckland of Rainelle, W. Va., mathematics; Dr. Clarence A. Carder of Johnson City, Tenn., extension and placement departments; Dr. Francis Hoover, Statesville, health, physical education and recreation; and Allen G. Montgomery, Boone, mathematics.

Four assistant professors gained the higher rating of associate professor. They are: Francis S. Cook, Demorest, Ga., department of languages; Dr. William E. Fulmer, Gaffney, S. C., education; Dr. J. Frank Randall, Banard, N. C., biology; and Roger Thomas, Worcester, Mass., health, physical education and recreation.

Instructors advanced to assistant professorships are: James F. Jones, Bolton, N. C., business education; Mary Jane Matthews, Galax, Va., health, physical education; Jane Riner, Castletown, Va., business education; Kent Robinson, Boone, N. C., biology; and Donval Simpson, Asheville, mathematics.

## Horn Group Meets Monday Hereford Sale On Saturday

The general membership meeting of the Southern Appalachian Historical Association will be held Monday October 12 at Daniel Boone Hotel.

The reception will begin at 6:30 and dinner will be served at 7:00. All members are urged to make reservations with Mr. Jake Caudill by Friday October 9th.

The Purebred Hereford breeders of Watauga county will lead out their cattle Saturday, October 10, for the seventeenth annual sale and show. No other Hereford association in the state has held a sale each year for 17 years, according to information available.

Also being offered in the sale is the dispersion of the Shipley Farm Hereford herd, one of the oldest, if not the oldest, purebred Hereford herd in North Carolina.

Leading cattlemen of the county say that improvement in quality was rapid after the late Ed. Shipley brought the first Hereford bull to Watauga. Today the area is noted for good purebred Herefords and quality feeder steers.

Grand champions of state shows have come from Watauga county, and only last year the bull that was champion at both the Dixie Classic Fair in Winston-Salem, and at the North Carolina State Fair, Raleigh, was sired by a bull bred in Watauga.

Outstanding herd bulls now in service in Watauga county include BBR Victor Plato 1st, on the H. Grady Farthing farm; R H. Advance Perfection, owned jointly by Harry Hamilton and R. G. Shipley; T Victor Domino 10, working for Council Henson and M. M. Hodges; and M Zato Heir 1st, and other good bulls.

The Shipley farm cow herd carried the bloodlines of some of the most popular Herefords in America.

The sale and show will be held in Mountain Burley Warehouse No. 2, beginning at 1 p. m. A heifer will be given away as a prize.

## Brewer Buys Boone Trail

Back during the days when Kidd Brewer was racking up new football records at ASTC, he had a nephew down Winston-Salem way who was knocking off All State and All Southern titles as a high school player. Young Phil liked to visit Kidd's spring training camp high in the mountains, and promised himself that some day he'd come here to live.

Finally, he made it. Phil and Mrs. Brewer have purchased the Boone Trail Restaurant, and according to Phil, have some big plans for converting it into a first-class dining spot for people in and around Boone.

"We want to go in for things like steak dinners, dancing and banquets for social and civic clubs," Mr. Brewer said when discussing plans for development of the Boone Trail.

The banquet room has already been re-decorated, he said, and a contest is now being conducted for a suitable name for the new room.

Peru's Premier begins fight to halt initiation.