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BOONE WEATHER		
1959	High	Low
Oct. 13	69	45
Oct. 14	60	55
Oct. 15	61	45
Oct. 16	63	42
Oct. 17	63	38
Oct. 18	60	47
Oct. 19	59	37
Total rainfall for period—75 of an inch.		

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Fund Drive Gets Under Way Here

The Watauga County United Fund has gone into its 1960 campaign, the fourth of its history, with eleven teams of volunteers, covering the county under the general direction of Jack E. Williams, campaign chairman.

According to Chairman Williams, the campaign coverage is proceeding well and there should be enough reports in by the end of the week for a preliminary report on results of the drive.

The following chairman of special divisions are working with Mr. Williams:

Area 1, Tom Grant; Area 2, Mrs. Tom Bingham; Area 3, Mrs. Fred Mast; Area 4, Mrs. Hugh Hagaman and Mrs. G. C. Greene, Jr.; Area 5, Paul Younce and Mrs. B. W. Stallings; Advance Gifts, Nickolas Stakias; IRC, Abe Littleton; Shadowline, Hubert Inman; ASTC, W. L. Eury; Schools, Mrs. L. H. Owsley; County; W. C. Richardson and Miss Jean Chiles.

The following is a partial list of volunteers assisting in the various divisions:

Alfred Adams, L. H. Owsley, Armfield Coffey, Jay Beach, Edwin Troutman, A. E. McCreary, Phil Vance, Glenn Andrews, Gene Arndt, George Flowers, C. A. Price, Conrad Yates, Stanley A. Harris, Robert Danner, Laverne Fox, Geneva Fox, Dennis Greene, Dr. James B. Greene, Mrs. Walton Cole, Mrs. Charles Isley, Mrs. J. Tom Winkler, Mrs. Jack Edmisten, Mrs. Richard Kelley, Mrs. O. K. Richardson, Mrs. Carl Meeks, J. W. Beach, Mrs. W. C. Richardson; W. Preston Hughes, Mrs. Hubert Inman, Mrs. Ralph Estes, Mrs. W. W. Chester, E. F. Coe, Mrs. John Council, Mrs. C. H. Blackburn, Jr., C. H. Blackburn, Jr., Von Hagan, Mrs. Charles Steele, Mrs. Ira Bolt, Hal Johnson, Vernon Castle, Jean Smitherman, Hazel Brown.

Schools
 Cove Creek Elementary, Mrs. Muriel Glenn; Bethel Elementary, Mrs. Imogene W. Robertson; Mabel Elementary, Mrs. Jennie B. Deal; Cove Creek High School, Mrs. Joyce S. Davis; Bethel High School, Mrs. Carolyn Taylor; Appalachian High School, Mrs. Margaret Gragg; Blowing Rock High School, Fred T. Poplin; Parkway Elementary, Mrs. Reba Moretz; Blowing Rock Elementary, Mrs. Grace Beach; Valle Crucis, Mrs. Sara B. Horton; Appalachian Elementary, Mrs. Bess Crawford; Green Valley Elementary, Mrs. Susie Buchanan.

Greer Is Again President Of Horn In West

I. G. Greer of Chapel Hill was re-elected president of the Southern Appalachian Historical Association at a meeting at the organization held last week.

H. W. Wilcox, Boone civic leader, was elected executive vice-president to replace James Marsh, who resigned recently. J. V. Caudill was named second vice-president, G. C. Greene Jr., treasurer, and Mrs. Homer Brown, secretary, all of Boone.

Directors elected were Wade E. Brown, J. V. Caudill, H. Grady Farthing, G. C. Greene Jr., Dr. I. G. Greer, Armfield Coffey, Howard Cottrell, Grady Moretz Jr., Dr. L. H. Owsley, Dr. W. H. Plemons, O. K. Richardson, G. C. Robbins Jr., Mrs. B. W. Stallings, Buford Stamey, Dr. L. D. Hagaman, Dr. D. J. Whitener, D. L. Wilcox, Mrs. James Winkler, Mrs. Homer Brown, W. Ralph Winkler, Glenn Andrews, Dr. Ray Lawrence, R. D. Hodges Jr., Dr. R. H. Harmon, Mrs. R. C. Rivers, Harold Rice, Gwyn Hayes, Herman Wilcox, Carl Smith and Hal Johnson. All are from Boone, Blowing Rock and Watauga County communities with the exception of Dr. Greer. He is a native of Watauga.

Opening and closing dates for the 1960 production of Horn in the West were set. It will begin Friday, July 1, 1960, and run through August.

The next meeting of the board of directors will be Monday, noon, Nov. 1.

Crippled Children's Clinic

The monthly crippled children's clinic will be held at the Watauga Health Center on Friday October 23, at 8:00 a. m.



CAROL JEAN NICHOLS of McAdenville, homecoming queen for Appalachian State Teachers College, sits regally before members of the "A" club who sponsor her. The homecoming football game is Saturday, between the Mountaineers and the Carson-Newman. From left to right: Jack Ponis, Phoenixville, Pa.; Jim Conger, Statesville; Ansel Glendenning, Oaklawn, Ill.; Bill Harvey, Phoenixville, Pa.; Kay Hiatt, Mount Airy; and Ken Daves, Ellenboro. Carol is a freshman. All others are seniors except Ponis who is a junior.—Photo by John Corey.

College Homecoming Makes Gay Week End

Brisk clear weather is the prediction for the 1959 Appalachian State Teachers College Homecoming Saturday.

Sponsored by the student organization Chi Lambda Chi, the event is expected to attract many alumni



KENNETH CLAWSON
 (President Chi Lambda Chi)

of Appalachian to Boone, and the sponsoring group, headed by Kenneth Clawson, of Boone, has planned a full program for the homecomers.

A leading hour of interest for returning graduates will be the coffee hour to be held following the game between Appalachian's Mountaineers and the Carson-Newman Eagles.

There will be a showing of the ASTC produced film, "This Is Appalachian," during the coffee hour. The movie has for its theme, "How young men and women prepare themselves for the teaching profession."

In addition to scenes of the classrooms, the movie includes scenes of the campus, its buildings and the town of Boone.

Dean of women, Maxie G. Edmiston, will host the coffee hour. The event will be held in the student lounge.

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This will mean that 300 more students can come to Appalachian each year. They will bring with them a minimum of \$600 each per year, which is \$180,000. This does not include the extra money these 300 will spend, nor the money their families will spend in the area.

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Alumni arriving Homecoming eve will have an opportunity to see the "kick-off" three-act play, "Diary of a Scoundrel," a satirical comedy.

Floats, parades, displays, bands, and football highlight the Saturday activities. Over 20 floats, both by student organizations and Boone merchants, will parade through town and then to the campus, beginning at 10:00 a. m. Displays will be featured in store windows, on lawns, and on campus.

Two hometown bands and four visiting bands will be interspersed in the parade. The Appalachian College band is under direction of Charles Isley. The Appalachian High School band, "Boone's Ambassadors," will be under direction of Clyde Wade.

The four other bands will be directed by former Appalachian students. They are: The Boyden High School Band from Salisbury, under George Wilson; Spindale High under Jim Blanton; Drexel High under Catherine Siphers; and the Marion High band under Claude Jarrett.

The class of 1934 will be holding their 25th anniversary on the campus on homecoming day and will share honors with the other classes.

Just before the halftime kick-off at the afternoon football game, the first Bob Broome Memorial Scholarship award will be presented. The winner will come from the Mountaineer squad. Presentation will be made by Kidd Brewer, a former coach and Appalachian trustee, and Dr. J. T. C. Wright, chairman of the fund committee.

Presiding over Homecoming will be reigning queen, Carol Jean Nichols, of McAdenville, and her court. They are Priscilla Beam, freshman from Cherryville; Jeanie Belk, sophomore and cheerleader from Hickory; Phyllis Kreiger, freshman from High Point; and

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A. K. Buxton Dies Monday

Agustin K. Buxton, 67, of Blowing Rock, died Monday evening at Watauga Hospital, where he had been admitted 2 hours earlier.

Mr. Buxton had been in failing health for some time.

Funeral services were held Wednesday at 2 o'clock at the Rumble Memorial Presbyterian Church in Blowing Rock. Dr. Walter K. Keys being assisted in the rites by Rev. John S. McDuffie of the Episcopal Church.

Mr. Buxton, a native of the State of Connecticut, had resided in Blowing Rock for more than twenty years. He was a retired insurance man.

Surviving are the widow, Mrs. Carrie Miller Buxton, three sons, Thomas Buxton, Wake Forest College; Trask, Barry Buxton, Blowing Rock; a stepson, Benjamin Britton, Charlotte; five daughters, Mrs. Vaughn Hartley, Blowing Rock; Mrs. Fred Hope, Fort Lauderdale, Fla.; Ann, Mary and Martha Buxton, Blowing Rock.

Jaycees To Sell Yule Trees

At last Monday night's meeting the Boone Jaycees voted to sell Christmas trees this yule season, in an announcement released by club president, Norman Isehour.

Jaycee Kenneth Wilcox is making arrangements to procure a northern spruce which will be available in several sizes between three and six feet tall.

The profit realized from the sale of these trees will finance the Jaycees' annual children's Christmas shopping tour. Plans are to sell the trees at a location downtown that will be announced early in December.

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Pertinent Facts On Bond Vote

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will be employed to work at the college.

If the bond issue carries, in the amount of some 34 million dollars, approximately one-fourth of all of this money will be spent in western North Carolina—that is, west of Morganton, and including Boone.

Anything that helps the economy of the State, helps Watauga County. Out of this money—\$34 million—nearly \$33 million will be spent for higher education, mental hospitals, and hospital construction.

passage of this bond issue. The only institutions getting proportionately more than Appalachian State Teachers College are the University of North Carolina, and North Carolina State College. Appalachian is third on the list.

Will passage of this bond issue raise our taxes?

The answer is that IT WILL NOT. The bonds will be paid for, over as many as twenty years, out of the normal income of the state. There is no State property tax. Therefore, this cannot change the amount of taxes we have to pay. If all the items do not carry, our taxes will not be lowered. This year, for instance, the income of the

LET'S VOTE FOR ALL ISSUES

Growth Of College, Local Economy Hinge On Vote

State Bond Issue To Come Before Voters On Tuesday; Review Of The Proposals

Considerable interest is developing locally in the State bond election which will be held next Tuesday and which will decide whether or not \$34,000,000 in State bonds will be issued for permanent improvements at colleges, mental institutions, hospitals and other institutions.

Of primary local interest is the news that if the proposal passes, Appalachian State Teachers College will receive more than a million and a half dollars for new construction. To be built are a science building, a 300-student dormitory, physical education structures, and other permanent improvements.

It is pointed out that a voter may cast his vote for or against any of the nine issues, but most of those who are interested are anxious that the entire proposal be passed. Of especial interest is the fact that the proposed bond issue can be financed through normal State income without additional tax levies of any sort.

Briefly, the nine issues to come before the voters are as follows:

1—Education

The \$18,891,000 issue is to partly relieve North Carolina's badly overcrowded educational institutions. The tidal wave of increased enrollment has already started and will increase continuously at least until 1970. The additional facilities on campuses will provide space most urgently needed at the moment. These bonds will make it possible for 2120 more North Carolina boys and girls to go to college each year—by providing more dormitory space, more classrooms and more laboratories.

2—Mental Hospitals

The proposed \$12,053,000 bond issue will provide urgently needed renovations in the state's mental hospitals. Many buildings now in use are of permanent, fire-proof construction on the outside but need to be completely reconstructed on the inside. All our hospitals for the mentally-ill should be completely fire-proof. In the past 10 years no new hospitals have been built for Negro mental patients. These bonds will provide a splendid building for them at Goldsboro.

Also, the state has inaugurated a wonderful program for our retarded children who unfortunately number 6,500 in North Carolina at the present time. We have facilities in use and under construction to care for 3,700 of these appealing youngsters.

Today, there are 800 on the "waiting list" who have been awaiting for admission by the council—with an additional 200 cases pending—and hundreds who have not applied for admission because their parents know that there is no place for the children. Negro mentally retarded children will be provided for in a new \$1,250,000 building.

3—Community Colleges

The \$1,500,000 for capital improvements of Community Colleges will provide facilities for approximately 1,000 more young men and women each year to attend our Community Colleges presently located in Asheville, Charlotte, and Wilmington. Surveys have shown that additional Community Colleges will be needed elsewhere in the State before 1970.

4—Local Hospitals and Health Centers

The State funds of \$500,000 for (Continued on page four)

Eggers Given Census Post



MR. S. C. EGGERS, SR.

Appointment of Mr. Stacy Clyde Eggers, Sr. as a crew leader for the 1959 Census of Agriculture was announced today by Field Director Joseph R. Norwood of the Census Bureau's regional office at Charlotte.

Mr. Eggers will direct a force of census takers who will canvass farms in parts of Ashe and Watauga Counties. Before assuming his post, he will go to Salisbury where he will receive five days of training by a member of the Census Bureau's staff. Topics to be covered include procedures for recruiting of census takers, census taker training, canvassing methods, preparation and submission of reports, and the supervision of census takers to insure a complete and accurate count.

The crew leader is one of the key people in the field operations of the Census of Agriculture. It is his responsibility to recruit and train the census takers and supervise their work; plan and allocate work assignments; review the work of the census takers and take remedial action where necessary, and to conduct difficult interviews.

After completing his training, Mr. Eggers will return to his district where he will spend several weeks recruiting census takers, and training them in preparation for the start of the field canvass on November 18, 1959.

Mrs. German Dies Tuesday

North Wilkesboro—Mrs. Mary Alice German, 86, died early Tuesday of last week at her home at Boomer. Funeral was held Thursday at 11 a. m. at Zion Hill Baptist Church there.

Surviving, son, Charles H. German of Boomer; daughters, Mrs. Carl H. Hendrix of Boomer, Mrs. Roby T. Greer of Boone, Mrs. Gus V. Nau of San Antonio, Texas, Mrs. James F. Britton of Myrtle Beach, S. C., Mrs. Worth K. Jackson of Raleigh; brother, W. C. Carlton of Stockbridge, Ga.; sister, Mrs. Zora Carlton of Homer, La.

Attends Meet In New Orleans

Watauga County Home Agent, Jean Childers, is attending the National Home Demonstration Agent's Convention in New Orleans. Miss Childers is president of the Western District Home Agent's Association.

Other agents from the Western District attending the national meeting are Mrs. Kathleen C. Hodges, Hendersonville, in-comeing district president; Miss Ann Priest, Brevard; Miss Mary Cornwell, Waynesville; Miss Mary Johnston, Sylva; Miss Marie Scott, Newland; and Miss Pansie Deal, Bryson City.

Thirty-seven agents from North Carolina are attending the convention.

Mrs. Mary Kettinger of Asheville was the guest of Dr. and Mrs. W. H. Plemons over the weekend.

Alcoholics Anonymous Form Group In Boone

Formation of a local group of Alcoholics Anonymous, with meetings every Thursday night at City Hall, was announced here this week. Anyone with a drinking problem, or anyone interested in seeking help for a friend or relative, will be welcome. Contact with the local group may also be made by writing Box 1, Boone, N. C.

Alcoholics Anonymous is a fellowship of men and women who share their "experience, strength and hope" with each other to solve their common problem and to help others to recover from alcoholism.

Since "A. A." was founded in Akron, Ohio, in 1935, the membership has grown to more than 200,000 persons in more than 7,500 local groups in the United States, Canada and about 70 foreign countries.

The core of the A. A. program is that the alcoholic who no longer drinks is uniquely able to work with and help the man or woman who honestly wishes to stop drinking.

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B. C. Trotter
 Chairman State Board of Elections