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BOONE WEATHER			
1959	High	Low	6 pm. prec.
Nov. 10	57	23	42
Nov. 11	59	31	45
Nov. 12	60	33	47
Nov. 13	60	28	51
Nov. 14	61	49	54
Nov. 15	54	43	48
Nov. 16	53	42	49
Total rain for period—15 inch.			

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Bethel, Cove Creek Share Top Honors At City-Farm Meet

Bethel and Cove Creek communities shared top honors for community development in Watauga county during 1958-59, and were awarded cash prizes for their efforts at the annual Farm-City meeting Tuesday night. The meeting-supper was held at Cove Creek High School, and was attended by nearly 400 people.

Bethel, listed as a farming community, was given \$90.00 first place money. Alfred Adams made the presentation during the opening of Farm-City week in the county, at the supper.

Judging was done earlier and four other communities shared in the farming community money.

Cove Creek, the only non-farm community competing this year in that division, was given \$75.00 by Mr. Adams.

Other money-takers in the farming community were second place, Valle Crucis, \$70.00; third, Silverstone, \$55.00; and Mabel and Foscoe, each \$50.00.

The event featured a talk by J. Graham Morrison, retired county agent, from Lincoln county, who

Blood Plan Heads Named

Mr. Joe Worth and Mrs. L. H. Owsley have been appointed co-chairmen of the Watauga blood program, replacing Mr. Jack Caudill, who resigned because of ill health.

A dinner meeting of the local Red Cross group was held at the Daniel Boone Hotel Thursday evening. Mrs. Marion Ritzert of Lincoln, Field Representative of the American Red Cross, was present and discussed the various work and problems of the local and national Red Cross.

Con Yates, local Red Cross chairman, presided.

Record Of Arrests

Patrolmen W. D. Teem and George E. Baker listed 25 arrests in Watauga county for traffic law violations. They included: Six for stop sign violations, three for improper lights, 3 improper equipment, 2 improper registration, 2 driving under influence of intoxicating beverages, 2 improper brakes, 2 failure to transfer title, and one each for public drunkenness, speeding, improper passing, failure to signal, and expired license plates.

Chancellor At State, Dr. Friday To Speak Development Assn.

Wayne A. Corpening, president of the Northwest North Carolina Development Association, has announced that Dr. John Caldwell, Chancellor of State College, will be the speaker at the annual meet-



CALDWELL

day night, December 8 at 6:30 p. m.

Dr. William Friday, president of the consolidated University of North Carolina, will introduce the speaker.

D. M. Courtney, chairman of the arrangements committee is making plans for 750 to attend. Directors in each county have tickets for a limited number to attend. At this time the area awards will also be presented and there will be other features of entertainment including special music.

President Corpening said that he felt the Association was indeed fortunate in securing Dr. Caldwell as a speaker. He is a native of Yazoo City, Mississippi and holds a BS degree from Mississippi State College, MA degree from Duke University and Columbia University and Doctor of Philosophy from Princeton University. He came to North Carolina this year after resigning as president of the University of Arkansas and prior to that he was president of Alabama College. He served in the United States Navy from 1942 until 1946 and is currently serving on a number of nationally known boards and organizations including American Political Science Association, Southern Political Science Association, American Society for Public Administration, Legislative committee, American Association of Land-Grant Colleges and State Universities and others.

Dr. Friday, who was a naval officer during World War II is a graduate of State College with a degree in textile engineering and of the Law School of the University of North Carolina. He has been associated with the University in a number of capacities including assistant Dean of Students, administrative assistant to Gordon Gray, secretary of the Consolidated University, vice president and now president.



FRIDAY

ing of the Association at the Gilvin Roth YMCA in Elkin Tues-



WAREHOUSE DRAMA—Scenes like this will be repeated daily during the Burley season. Buyers, farmers and Mountain Burley warehousemen look for a good sales period, and tobacco already on the Boone floors indicate a high quality of Burley. Sales begin Monday morning at 9 o'clock.

Highway 603 Ribbon Cutting To Take Place Today At State Line

The Boone Chamber of Commerce was ready today (Thurs.) to climax its efforts for Highway 603, with an official dedication and ribbon-cutting. According to Herman W. Wilcox, Stanley Harris, and other chamber members, many persons from Tennessee, including Lt. Governor William D. Baird, will be on hand to aid in the celebration.

A motorcade from Tennessee, beginning at Johnson City, and picking up others along the way to Mountain City and the state line, will meet a like group from North Carolina, forming in Boone, at the state line, where the ribbon will be cut, signifying the official opening of the route that cuts eleven miles travel from the two points—Boone and Johnson City.

The new route also opens up a shorter route to Watauga Dam and lake, where many people of this section go for fishing and water sports.

The motorcades are scheduled to meet at 3:00 p. m., and after the dedication come to Boone, where they will go to ride on a special run of Tweetsie, the train that has proved a great tourist attraction between Boone and Blowing Rock, and which before the flood in 1940, carried passengers and freight between the two states.

Lt. Gov. Baird will make the dedication speech. Others from his state who have had a hand in completing the last link in the highway, and are expected to attend the dedication, include William S. Leach, a former commissioner; Roy Iddins, division engineer, and Maintenance Engineer W. C. Maney.

Heading the North Carolina delegation will be W. F. Babcock, director of highways; and Paul Johnston, director department of administration, who will help with the ribbon cutting; and Ralph Howland, C. W. Lee, H. E. Koontz, J. E. Doughton, Z. V. Stewart, and James H. Council, of the highway department.

A delegation from Newland, headed by Attorney J. Ray Braswell, will join the North Carolina motorcade. Congressman Raper Jonas is also expected to attend.

After showing the Tennesseans around during the afternoon, the chamber will honor the leaders of the two states with a special dinner at Boone Trail Restaurant.

Mr. Wilcox urges a good attendance from Boone to the ribbon cutting and dinner. He said, "We are most desirous that we have a motorcade of at least fifty

cars from Boone. You are requested to assemble around the bus terminal building at 2:00 p. m., to proceed up Rivers Street to Water Street and enter King Street at the traffic light." From there the cars will go on to the state line via 421 and 603.

Prospects Are Good For New Industry

"Prospects look good" for Watauga to obtain an industry that eventually would employ 300 men, according to Herman W. Wilcox, president of Boone Chamber of Commerce, upon his return last Wednesday night from Cincinnati, Ohio, where he and Stanley A. Harris conferred with a concern interested in locating in this area.

If the new factory were to locate in Boone, it would be the first industry employing mostly men that has come to the county. Two other plants recently located here are staffed mainly with women.

Mr. Wilcox and Mr. Harris went to Cincinnati last Wednesday to talk with a concern that manufactures display cabinets, and officers of the company are expected to come here this week to look over possible sites of operation.

According to the talks they had

Civitan Has First Meeting

The Boone Civitan Club held its first meeting on Tuesday evening, November 10, at the Gateway Restaurant. The meeting was held for the purpose of letting the members get better acquainted and to form committees for the coming year's activities.

Each committee chairman met with the members of his committee to lay the ground work. Every Civitan in attendance enjoyed the evening's fellowship.

The next meeting will be held Tuesday evening, November 23 at 7:00 p. m. at the Gateway Restaurant.



STATION WAGON AND TRUCK AS THEY APPEARED AFTER FOGGY MORNING WRECK

Burley Auctions To Begin On Monday

Third Million Pounds Weed Is On Baskets

With tobacco flowing steadily to the sales floor of the Boone market, there could easily be a record poundage on the floor when selling begins on Monday, November 23. Already there is more than 350,000 pounds on the floor, according to Mrs. Harriet Sykes. "This," she said, "is a greater volume than ever with selling date still a week away."

"This is one of those years," Mrs. Sykes said, "when grading is all-important to the grower. We can't emphasize too strongly the importance of keeping all damaged tobacco separate from the good crop," she said. "The quality of this year's crop is a little bit better than was first believed," she continued.

Selling begins Monday morning, at Warehouse No. 1 of the Mountain Burley Warehouse Company, and will continue on a 5 day week with a full set of buyers each day, the Warehouse reported. Government graders are already on hand there, and buyers are arriving now in preparation for Monday's selling.

Asked about Thanksgiving Day, Mrs. Sykes replied, "We will observe Thursday as a holiday, but will be back selling again on Friday."

The Boone market operates on a daily pound quota of 302,400 pounds. Present weather conditions has most crops in good case for handling, and heavy arrivals of tobacco are expected daily.

Asked for a final word to the growers, Mrs. Sykes said, "Tell 'em the better it looks, the more it brings!"



COTTRELL

SNEAD



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CLAWSON

Boone Students Given Honor In "Who's Who"

Of the thirty Appalachian College students who have been selected for recognition in the 1959-60 edition of "Who's Who Among Students in American Colleges and Universities," Miss Ann Cottrell, Minnie Snead, Betty Swaim, and Mr. Kenneth Clawson were the local students selected on the basis of scholarship, participation and leadership in academic and extra-curricular activities, citizenship and service to the school and promise of future contribution to society.

Ann Cottrell, business major, has served as vice-president and president of the Vernician Society, secretary of the freshman class, a representative to the Student Council, secretary of Future Business Leaders of America, and editor of the Pi Omega Pi newspaper. She was a delegate to the Pi Omega Pi convention in Chicago last spring.

Minnie Snead is president of the Home Economics Club, and holds membership in Chi Lambda Chi and the Vernician Society. She was a 1959 delegate to the College Clubs division of the North Carolina Health Education Association and is treasurer of the association.

Betty Swaim, a junior, has been a member of the Student Council for three years. She is also on The Rhododendron staff and in the Vernician Society. She is a junior counselor and has been a member of the chorus and chorale. Betty was secretary of the freshman class.

Kenneth Clawson, a senior, is president of Chi Lambda Chi and the science club. He is also a member of Beta Beta Beta, Play-

Pastime Theatre To Be Modern Office Building

Mr. L. E. Dimmette, President of Dimmette Realty Corporation of Lenoir, announces the purchase of the Pastime Theatre building in Boone by his corporation.

Extensive remodeling operations are now in progress on the building, which is being converted into what will be known as the Professional Building. It will contain suites of modern offices,

most of which have been spoken for.

The corporation has extensive real estate holdings in Blowing Rock and in Watauga County.

They have recently sold over three hundred acres near and in the town of Blowing Rock, which will eventually be developed into a large summer camp for boys and girls.

Baked Goods Sale To Aid Activity Fund

The Appalachian High School Beta Club, in cooperation with the P. T. A., is sponsoring a Baked Goods Sale on Tuesday, November 24, at Sears Store in downtown Boone.

Part of the profits from the sale will be used to finance Career Day, which will benefit the entire school. Profits above Career Day expenses will go into an Activity Fund, which will finance Student Council and club activities and will help to buy school letters in scholarship-citizenship.

Career Day will be held in the spring. At that time students will have an opportunity to talk with nurses, doctors, engineers, lawyers, teachers, ministers, mechanics, electricians, contractors, and other people now working in different careers. This will help high school students in the selection of careers.

The parents of the student body will contribute the pies, cakes, jams, jellies, preserves, candies and cookies which will be sold.

The two homerooms with the highest percentage contributing goods will be given cake parties by the Beta Club.

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