

BOONE WEATHER					
1959	High	Low	5 pm	prec.	1958-H.L.
Nov. 17	50	25	25	.50	72-59
Nov. 18	41	14	35		75-54
Nov. 19	47	25	36		82-31
Nov. 20	52	23	40		56-23
Nov. 21	52	34	43		50-28
Nov. 22	60	28	47	.02	56-36
Nov. 23	50	30	46		57-22

Total rainfall—22 of an inch.

Child Is Injured In Crash

Mike McNeely, four-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. John McNeely, Route 1, Boone, was admitted to Watauga Hospital Saturday morning, suffering from cerebral concussion as result of an car accident.

Patrolman George Baker, who investigated the wreck, reported that a 1958 Opel, being driven by Mrs. McNeely, was attempting to make a left turn into the drive of Joe Hartley, on N. C. 105. A Catawba Dairies Product milk truck, driven by Ellard Glenn Cornett, of Reese, going in the same direction, hit the rear of the small car, doing considerable damage to the car. The car came to a stop at the driveway, after knocking over a paper box. The truck was damaged slightly.

Mrs. McNeely was thrown from the vehicle, and received lacerations. Another son, Bobby 8, apparently was not hurt.

The highway was wet at the time of the accident. At the time the accident was reported, Patrolman Baker had not made any charges, but was continuing his investigation.

Jaycees To Sell Trees For Yule

The Boone Jaycees Club will sell Christmas trees in Watauga county this year, according to an announcement by Kenneth Wilcox, club member.

Mr. Wilcox states that the trees will be nursery grown and trimmed, and first quality Scotch pines. The trees will range in size from 4½ feet to 7 feet, with prices varying accordingly.

The club also intends to have available door decorations of native greenery.

Trees will be offered for sale at the S & W Produce Market on King Street, and will be sold during the hours of 4 to 5 p. m. on week days, beginning Saturday, December 12, and all day on Saturdays until the supply is sold.

Further information or tree and door reservations may be had by contacting Ted Hagaman or Raymond Harmon at their home or office.

Jaycee president, Norman Isehour urges early buying. "Come by and see these beautiful trees," he said. "There are only a limited number available for sale here, and when these trees are gone we will be unable to obtain anymore this season."

Proceeds from the sales will be used by the Jaycees in their Children's Christmas Shopping Tour, an annual event with the Jaycees, to make sure children who might not have a merry Christmas otherwise, enjoy the season.

U. S. aide assails Japanese import curbs.



CHRISTMAS PACKAGES.—Crystal Johnson adds beauty to the Christmas scene as she places packages beneath the Christmas tree. Miss Johnson, a freshman at Appalachian, was chosen Christmas Queen in a campus wide election recently. The Queen, who hails from Spencer, and her court will reign over the Christmas dance December 4. The court includes Martha Chandler of Lenoir; Betty Leonard of Thomasville; Rachel Peterson of Delco; Lou Solomon of Roxboro; Johnnie Ellis of Winston-Salem; and Jeannie Beik of Hickory.—Photo Flowers Photo Shop.

Burley Market Breaks Record With \$64.63

The Boone Burley Tobacco Market opened sales Monday with the highest first day average in its twenty-year history, according to Joe Coleman, manager of the local market.

298,486 pounds of weed were sold, with an average price of \$64.63 per hundred, according to released figures.

Mr. Coleman pointed out that the farmers had done a good job in preparing their crops for the sale, and he attributed the high average to the fact that the tobacco was well arranged and graded.

"Tobacco that is well arranged brings a premium price," the warehouseman said.

Tobacco continued to arrive on the floor in a steady flow, and the market officials said that a full force of helpers are on the floor. (Continued on page 4—Section C)

Mrs. Potter Dies Monday

Mrs. Katherine Susan Potter, widow of Enoch Potter, died Monday at her home at Tamarack after a long illness. She was 87 years old.

She was born Sept. 16, 1872 in Watauga county, and was a daughter of Jacob and Mary Main Potter.

The funeral will be conducted this (Wednesday) morning at 11 o'clock at the Church of Christ, Tamarack, by Howard Winters. Burial will be in the Main cemetery.

Surviving are four sons, John and Will Potter, both of Tamarack, Jake and Frank Potter, both of Neva, Tenn.; a daughter, Mrs. Sarah South of Glade Spring, Va.; 42 grandchildren; 85 great grandchildren and 16 great great grandchildren.

Devils Meet Hanes Here Friday Night

Appalachian High School Blue Devils meet Hanes High School of Winston-Salem Friday night, November 27, at 7:30 o'clock, on Appalachian State Teachers College Field to decide who will go into the State Double A football finals next week.

Boone reached the game with Hanes by defeating Murphy, 7-6, while Hanes reached the game by defeating Randleman 27-6. The winner of this contest will play the Eastern division championship team to determine the State champions.

Blessedness Of Giving Is Seal Sale Theme

The blessedness of giving is the pictorial theme—as well as the spirit—of this year's Christmas Seal campaign. On one Seal, a little girl in a red snowsuit and green mittens scatters crumbs for the birds. On the other, a small boy in a green jacket and a red hat holds out a nut to a squirrel. Both Seals carry the familiar red double-barred cross, symbol of the dedicated work of TB associations all over the country.

"The open-handed children on the 1959 Christmas Seals are right in the spirit of Christmas," said Dr. H. M. Cooke, Christmas Seal Chairman for Watauga County. "It is our hope that this holiday season will arouse in others, too, the same warm, generous response to a great need."

"Funds contributed for Christmas Seals will be used for the purchase of Christmas Seals for the children of the county." (Continued on page 4—Section C)

750 Expected At NW Area Gathering

A sell-out crowd of 750 is expected for the annual meeting of the Northwest North Carolina Development Association on Tuesday, December 8 at the Elkin YMCA.

Principal speaker for the event will be Dr. John T. Caldwell, Chancellor of North Carolina State College.

Another highlight of the meeting will be the announcing of winners and the presentation of awards in the Association's community development judging.

Final plans for the annual meeting were discussed at a board meeting of the NWNCDCA in Elkin last week.

Wayne Corpening of Winston-Salem, Association president, said all 750 tickets to the dinner had been distributed to the 11 counties and that reports indicate there is more demand for them than there are tickets available.

Dr. Caldwell will be introduced by William C. Friday, president of the Consolidated University of North Carolina.

Other features, including special entertainment, will be announced soon.

Officers for the coming year will also be named at the meeting.

The dinner meeting will begin at 6:30 p. m.

HUMPHREY TO RUN

Supporters of Senator Humphrey (D. Minn.) say they will enter his name in the District of Columbia Presidential primary next May 3.

Senator Humphrey, on a speaking tour of the Midwest, has said he will not decide until the first of the year whether to seek the Presidential nomination.

Carolina And Tennessee Leaders Open Route 603

Ribbon Is Cut, Banquet Held To Mark Event

By JOE MINOR

State highway officials of Tennessee and North Carolina were honored Thursday night at a banquet in the Appalachian Room of Boone Trail Restaurant, climaxing an afternoon of celebrating the official opening of N. C. 603-Tenn. 159.

The occasion was attended by representatives of both State's governors' offices, members of the Chambers of Commerce interested in the new route, and other representatives of towns along the highway.

Lieutenant Governor William Baird, of Tennessee, made the principal address, in which he pointed out that one of the results of the close friendship of the two States was the joining together of this route at the State line. He said, "The real measure of your citizenship is how you give of your time to your community."

The building of this great artery of travel is the result of much time that has been given by men who envisioned what the route could mean to the two States, and to the nation, as well.

"Traffic is the vital backbone of our country," the lieutenant-governor said, as he pointed out how roads such as 159-603 has helped make our progress possible. He said the two States have a balance of agriculture and industry, and



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that our highway system is greatly responsible.

While the speaker expounded the benefits to be derived from this new highway, he warned his listeners that "we will never be able to say our highways are adequate—we must go from here to greater progress."

Preceding the banquet, delegations from the two States, in separate motorcades, met at the State line for the cutting of the ribbon, officially opening the route between Boone and Johnson City, Tenn. The cars in the motorcades carried the advice: "Travel the short route between Boone and Johnson City, over 159 and 603."

The route between the two points on the new highway is 53 miles, cutting off eleven miles of travel. The route is easier than the old way of reaching Johnson City, being called a water level route. It is more level than any other way between the two cities.

Doing the ribbon (actually a rope) cutting were Lt. Gov. Baird and Paul Johnston, representative of Governor Luther Hodges' office in Raleigh. They used a heavy pair of garden scissors to cut the rope.

Helping with the cutting were W. F. Baccok, director of highways in North Carolina, and W. C. Maney, maintenance chief of the Tennessee highway department.

Tenth District Congressman Charles Raper Jonas, of North Carolina, was among those at the ribbon cutting. In a brief statement, he declared, that the new highway will "bring the people of these two great States together for better understanding between the two."

Acting as co-ordinators of the day's festivities, Herman W. Wilcox, president of Boone Chamber of Commerce, and Herman Robinson, Tennessee State senator, praised the work and time everyone concerned had given toward the highway.

Wade Brown, of Boone, acted as (Continued on page 4—Section C)



WATCHING HISTORY.—This unidentified young lad has just witnessed history in making. The rope has been snipped, signifying the 603-159 route between Boone and Johnson City is ready for travel, making the trip between the two cities eleven miles shorter than before.—Photo Flowers Photo Shop.

Farm Census Workers Finish School; Ready To Go To Work

Mr. S. C. Eggers, crew leader for the agricultural census for locally, and is soliciting the co-operation of the farmers in making the census a success. They

have been supplied with questionnaires, which they may fill out and have ready, or the enumerators will assist them with the forms when they call.

SHOPPING SEASON OPENS

Santa Claus Coming To City On Saturday

"Santa Claus is coming to town!"

That's right! Santa will arrive in Boone Saturday on his first round to find out just what the good little boys and girls want for Christmas, and to spread a little advance cheer in the form of candy for all the kiddies in the county.

First information of Santa's trip to Boone leaked out Monday, when R. D. Hodges, Jr., said he expected the jolly old gentleman from the North Pole to roll (or slide, depending on the weather), into town about 2:00 o'clock Saturday afternoon. No word could be found on how long he will be able to stay, but it is definite that he will be here long enough to distribute candy.

Santa's trip is being financed by the Boone Chamber of Commerce, so that old Santa can use all his money to buy materials for making the many things children (and grown folks, too) ask for.

The trip officially opens the Christmas Shopping Season in Boone and Watauga County. The stores are stocked "to the brim" with gift items, and merchants have issued a welcome for all to visit their stores.

Advertisements in this issue of the Democrat tell of the wide offerings many of the stores have. Read it, and following issues, through, to help about gift buying. Take advantage of buying at home and use the money you save for an extra gift. That's what Santa would do.

Don't forget, kids—be on the Square at 2:00 o'clock Saturday when Santa comes to town.

Jr. Tobacco Show, Sale Set For Dec. 8

The Junior Tobacco Show and Sale for Watauga and surrounding North Carolina counties will be held December 8. The show and sale is open to 4-H and FFA Club members in these counties.

This event is sponsored by the North Carolina Extension Service and R. C. Coleman and Associates. Prize money is donated by Watauga United Fund and R. C. Coleman and Associates.

To Observe Thanksgiving

Most of the stores, shops and offices of Boone will be closed Thursday in observance of Thanksgiving. It is learned. However most places will be open Wednesday afternoon. Usual hours will be maintained Friday and Saturday.

The Postoffice, Town hall, Court House offices and the Northwestern Bank will close on Thanksgiving.

All the Elementary and High Schools in the county will close at 3 o'clock Wednesday for the remainder of the week.



ROUTE OPENED.—Officially opening the 603-159 route between North Carolina and Tennessee are (l. to r.) W. F. Baccok, N. C. director of highways; W. W. Faw, president Johnson City Chamber of Commerce; Carl A. Johnson, publisher Johnson City Press-Chronicle; Lt. Gov. William Baird, of Tennessee; and Herman W. Wilcox, president Boone Chamber of Commerce.—Photo Flowers Photo Shop.