

BOONE WEATHER				
1898	High	Low	6 pm	prec.
Nov. 24	51	40	40	.33
Nov. 25	46	24	28	.20
Nov. 26	55	24	43	*tr.
Nov. 27	53	42	52	
Nov. 28	53	22	23	*.64
Nov. 29	23	12	16	*.14
Nov. 30	32	12	28	*.05
Total precipitation—1.36 in.; *snow—4 in.				



SANTA CLAUS CAME TO BOONE Saturday afternoon and was greeted by the crowd of eager children and grownups. He came in by fire truck, and left soon after distributing candy to the young ones. His visit officially opened the Christmas shopping season in Boone.

Blue, Red Devils To Meet; Decide State Grid Crown

Sports Classic College Field On Saturday

By BILL FARTHING

The Boone Blue Devils and Smithfield Red Devils tangle with each other Saturday afternoon at 2:00 o'clock, on College Field in Boone for the State Double A Football Championship. Appalachian High School plays by virtue of being the Western Division Double A champions; and Smithfield by virtue of holding the Eastern Division crown.

The game is being played under the sponsorship of the North Carolina Athletic Association, "Hap" Perry, director. This association has control of the game, and is responsible for setting time of play and price of tickets.

Dr. Roy R. Blanton, principal at Appalachian High School, stated that efforts were made by him and Coach Jack Groce to have the game played on Friday night, as have all regular season games (except a postponed one) but that their efforts failed and the teams will be playing according to association rules.

The Smithfield team has over 250 miles to travel to get to Boone for the game, and playing Friday night would work a tremendous hardship on them in getting back home after the game.

The Blue Devils, last Friday, squeezed by the strong eleven from Hanes High School in Winston-Salem to win the western district championship.

The Red Devils squeezed by the eleven from Wallace-Rose Hill High (near Wilmington) to win the eastern district championship.

Scores of both games were 7-6. Both games were very good football, played by both teams, with just the extra point deciding both.

Smithfield goes into the finals with a 12-0-0 record, all high scoring games. The school has the distinction of winning all regular season games for the past three years.

Here's a run-down of the Smithfield games: With Henderson—19-0; with Benson—40-6; Garner—14-0; Apex—21-6; Millbrook—27-7; Wake Forest (high school)—14-6; Fuquay—26-12; Selma—33-0; Dunn—14-7. District 1 and 3 playoff—with Edenton—12-6; Eastern AA Championship—Wallace-Rose Hill—7-6.

Appalachian enters the finals with a 11-0-1 record. All of the Blue Devils games have been hard fought, with maybe the exception of a couple. The locals played Elkin two times, in a peculiar situation which necessitated the play-off game. In the first tilt with the Elkin boys, the game ended in a scoreless tie. The second game saw Elkin go down in a 20-12 defeat.

Here's a run-down of the winning scores of the Blue Devils for the season: With Beaver Creek—21-0; Ashe (Continued on page 1, section C)

To Appear In "Messiah"



COLLEGE CHOIR

The College Choir, under the direction of Mrs. Virginia Wary Linney, will present the Christmas portion of Handel's universally loved "Messiah" in the Boone Baptist Church on Sunday, December 6, at 4:30 p. m.

This performance will mark the

eighteenth presentation of the famed Oratorio by the College Choir.

The choir will be assisted by the College Symphony Orchestra under the direction of Mr. Brownlee Waschek.

Mr. Earny Hotard of the College

Music Faculty will preside at the organ and Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Daye will accompany at the piano.

Soloists for the occasion will be Miss Florence Payne, soprano; Miss Susie Ford, contralto; Mr. Samuel Chen, tenor; and Mr. Riley Matthews, baritone.

PROGRESS REPORT GIVEN

ASC Spends 3 Million In Watauga

More than three million dollars has been spent on the farms of Watauga County in carrying out practices under the Agricultural Conservation Program since its inception in 1936.

At that time the Congress authorized the program of soil-building practices and soil and water conserving practices to carry into ef-

fect the preservation and improvement of soil fertility; the promotion of the economic use and conservation of land; the diminution of exploitation and wasteful and unscientific use of national resources; and the protection of rivers and harbors against the results of soil erosion in aid of maintaining the navigability of waters and

water covers and in aid of flood control.

The administration of this program has been in the hands of what is now known as ASC county and community committeemen. The County Committee acts as a board of directors in setting the policies of carrying out conservation practices of the program to attain the purposes of the law which provides for the program. These policies and decisions are carried out in the day-to-day operations of the County ASC office by an office manager and his staff.

Of the amount spent in carrying out these practices the Government has spent approximately two million dollars in assisting farmers in a partnership basis, approximately fifty percent toward the cost of materials used such as lime, fertilizer and seed and other labor cost in connecting with performing permanent type practices. The balance of the cost is borne by the farmer.

In developing conservation practices to fit local needs the County Committee completes the necessary plans with the assistance of community, committeemen, the county agent, the FHA supervisor, the SCS Governing Body and technician, Vocational Agricultural teachers and other interested in Agriculture. The list of practices is then announced and a copy furnished the farmer. Early in January each year a sign-up period is held at which every farmer in the county has the opportunity to request the practices most needed on his farm. Following the sign-up period the County Committee approves the requests giving due consideration to the needs of the farm, established rotation practices and approvals to similar farms.

According to M. L. Shepherd, County Office Manager a general idea of how funds have been used for the past five years 1954 through 1959 is outlined below:

During this period Government assistance in practice cost-sharing amounted to \$436,823 on 36,293 acres. Of this amount \$79,808 was paid to farmers for limestone and \$215,853 for fertilizer. \$70,386 was

paid for establishing 3,077 acres of permanent vegetative cover; \$75,659 was expended for a vegetative cover in increased rotation acreage; \$25,696 was spent for liming 4,418 acres of farmland; 139 acres of trees were planted with a payment of \$1,598; 17,212 acres of permanent pasture or hay were improved at a cost of \$169,912; 24 acres of timberland were improved cost-share value at \$117; 110 acres of land were drained with open ditches with a payment of \$1855; tile drainage was carried out on 450 acres at a cost-share payment of \$6,104; 5,551 acres of cropland were seeded to a winter cover crop with assistance amounting to \$11,901; 23 acres were seeded in a year round cover paying the farmer \$50; and 1,385 acres were restored from drought with a payment of \$13,604.

Complete figures are not yet available for accomplishments for 1959 but a conservative estimate is that 1200 farms will participate in the program. On these farms 842 acres has been seeded in a vegetative cover at payment of \$18,440; increased vegetative cover in rotation has been seeded on 358 acres with a cost-share payment of \$8,676; limestone has been applied to 685 acres with assistance amounting to \$4,187; 106 acres has been planted to trees with a payment of \$1,418; 2964 acres of permanent pasture or hay was improved with cost-share amounting to \$30,770; timber stand improvement was carried out on 2 acres with a payment of \$16; 1981 cubic yards of open ditch drainage with assistance amounting to \$224; 8395 feet of tile drainage was installed with payments amounting to \$992; and 941 acres of winter cover crops were seeded with assistance of \$1907.

As has been stated from time to time, "the primary objective of this program is the protection of the public's interest in the nation's soil and water resources." Gradually but surely this is being accomplished in Watauga County and the County Committee is looking forward to greater participation in 1960.

Dr. Horton Delivers Address At Meeting W. Va. Educators

Dr. Ben H. Horton, Jr., head of the education department at Appalachian State Teachers College, delivered the keynote address at the annual banquet of the West Virginia Association For Student



DR. BEN H. HORTON, JR.

Teaching in Morgantown, W. Va. Dr. Horton is currently serving as President of the Southwestern Regional Association for Student Teaching.

Dr. Horton centered his talk around "Quality Experience in Student Teaching." To achieve this quality, the education professor nailed home these necessary requirements:

Select and guide students. Encourage high type supervi-

sion.

Seek total involvement of faculties.

Communicate intelligently.

Plan long-range programs.

At the West Virginia convention, Dr. Horton also served as chairman of a seminar, hearing reports of various group studies made at meetings.

The Southeastern Regional Association for Student Teaching is composed of colleges, universities, superintendents, principals and teachers of a 10-state area who are engaged or interested in teacher training.

Dr. Horton, son of Mr. and Mrs. B. H. Horton of Route 1, Grover, is a graduate of Shelby High School, holds the B. S. and M. A. degrees from Appalachian and the Ed. D. from Florida State University.

The North Carolina educator was a teacher for three years and a principal for five years in Mecklenburg county. He has been a member of the Appalachian faculty since 1948.

He directs the student teaching program conducted by Appalachian State Teachers College. Approximately 500 will do their student teaching this school year under the program.

In addition to the Association for Student Teaching, Dr. Horton is a member of the N. C. Education Association and Phi Delta Kappa (education fraternity.)

Stark proposes Federal aid to migrants.

Will Sponsor Contest On Yule Decorations

Plans are being made by the Boone Junior Womens Club to sponsor the annual Christmas

Home Decoration Contest. Other local clubs participating are the Gardenettes, the Blue Ridge Garden Club, Appalachian Garden Club, and the Home and Garden department of the Worth-while Woman's Club.

Yule Closing Time Is Given

The Boone Chamber of Commerce recommended Tuesday that stores and business houses in Boone close for the Christmas holidays on Friday and Saturday, December 25 and 26, according to H. W. Wilcox, president.

It was also recommended that the business places remain open until 9:00 p. m. Christmas Eve so that a complete shopping season could be observed.

The contest committee urges that everyone start planning their decorations now before local supplies of materials become short or out of stock.

Decorations in the following categories will be judged and cash prizes awarded for the best decorated door, window, mantle, outside lawn display other than doorway, and decoration made by a child or children.

More details of the contest will be given in an early issue of the Watauga Democrat.

22 Arrests Are Reported

The two patrolmen stationed in Watauga county made 22 arrests last week for traffic violations.

Patrolman W. D. Teem cited one driver for following too closely; one for passing on a curve; two for stop sign violations; two for improper lights; and two for improper loading.

Patrolman George E. Baker cited one for following too closely; one for failing to see that intent; one move could be made in safety; one for improper lights; and eleven for speeding.

Officials concerned by trend of jobless reserves.

James Vannoy Dies In Mont.

James F. Vannoy, native Watauga, died November 16 at the home in Columbus, Mont., according to word reaching relatives here.

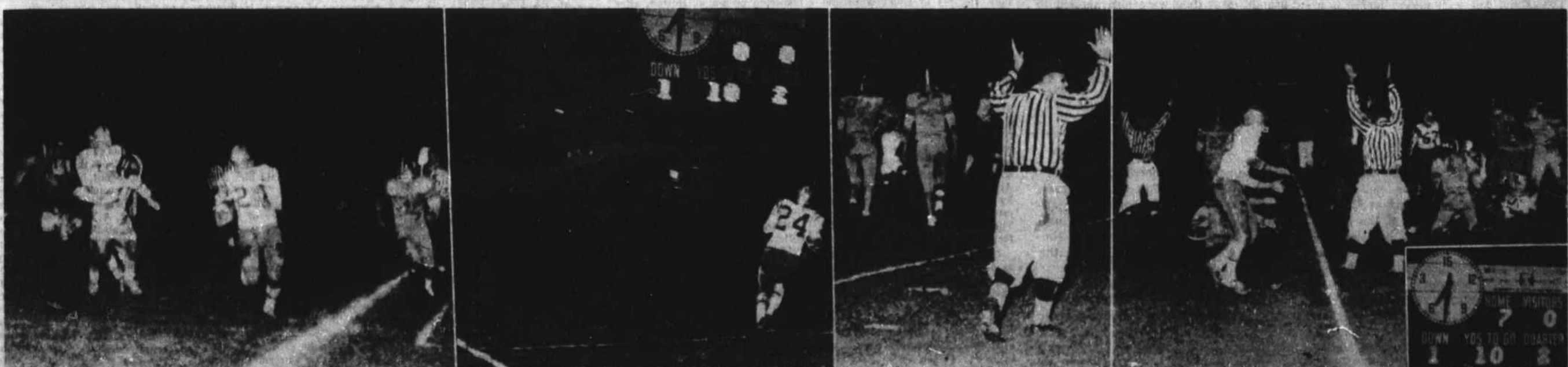
Funeral services were held at the chapel of the Columbus Funeral Home. The Reverend Thomas Butler, pastor of the Columbus Congregational Church, officiated and burial was in the Mountain View cemetery.

Surviving are the widow, Mrs. Mamie Rogers Vannoy, formerly of Boone, and one daughter, Wanda Vannoy, both of Columbus. Many relatives reside in Watauga county.

Ministers To Meet Monday

The Watauga County Ministerial Association will have a dinner meeting at the Gateway Cafe Monday, December 7 at noon.

Dr. Hadley Wilson, president of Watauga County Medical Association, will be guest speaker. All ministers are urged to be present.



HOW A WINNING SCORE IS MADE.—Halfback King Triplett, center first picture, breaks away from Hanes players on his 56-yard run touchdown play as Hanes player, extreme right, begins to realize what is about to happen. In second picture, Triplett bucks the wind as he turns in from sideline and crosses over for the touchdown, and third picture signals the touchdown completed. In last picture, referees signal that Tim Bryant's run for the extra point was successful. The one point proved to be the margin for the win for the Blue Devils. Clock in inset shows approximate time play was made and the score at the time. Hanes came back in the third quarter to make a touchdown, but was unable to make the conversion.—Photos by George Flowers, Flowers Photo Shop.