

| BOONE WEATHER | | | |
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| 1959 | High | Low | 6 pm prec. |
| Dec. 8 | 43 | 18 | .06 |
| Dec. 9 | 50 | 25 | .40 |
| Dec. 10 | 50 | 27 | .35 |
| Dec. 11 | 49 | 27 | .39 |
| Dec. 12 | 50 | 29 | .45 |
| Dec. 13 | 46 | 31 | .55 |
| Dec. 14 | 48 | 22 | .38 |
| *Snow Total precipitation .05 of inch. | | | |

Area Civic Winners Announced

Elkin — Top winners in the Northwest North Carolina Development Assn's community development competition were announced here last week. The winners and their categories are:

Grassy Creek in Ashe, farming communities; Flat Rock in Surry, non-farming communities; Moravian Fall in Wilkes, small towns and villages and Glade Creek in Alleghany, new communities.

Frank Bryant of Booneville, Yadkin tobacco farmer and dairyman and member of the State General Assembly, was elected as president of the Northwest North Carolina Development Assn.

He succeeds Wayne Corpening of Winston-Salem.

Widely Known
The youngest in a long line of tobacco-growing Bryants, Frank Bryant is also widely known as a dairyman and beef cattleman. He is a member of the N. C. Farm Bureau Federation's tobacco committee and of the Dixie Classic Fair Commission. He has been active in the Northwest Association's program from the beginning and has served it in several official capacities.

Other officers named are: John A. Fortlines Jr. of Granite Falls, first vice president; Hugh Crigler of West Jefferson, second vice president, and Neil Bolton of Winston-Salem, secretary-treasurer.

Corpening was named chairman of the board of directors, to which the following were elected to represent their respective counties:

Howard Whitener, Alexander; Bert L. Edwards, Alleghany; J. Gwynn Gambill, Ashe; William F. Bell and Fred Bowman, Caldwell; John Johnston, Davie; J. Worth Bacon, Forsyth; C. S. Lewis, Stokes; Harry Hensel Surry; Woodrow Richardson, Watauga; E. Hight Helms, Wilkes; and Stowe Thomasson, Yadkin.

Division chairmen were elected as follows:
Atwell Alexander of Stony Point, agriculture; Edwin Duncan of North Wilkesboro, industry; Robert Garvey of Winston-Salem, travel and recreation; and Mrs. W. T. Roth of Elkin, community development.

Each community winner received a cash award of \$300. Awards ranging downward from \$150 to \$50 were presented to the other communities. All 34 communities competing in the area-wide finals received certificates.

Local Prizes
County winners, together with others of the 105 communities judged in the 1959 competition, had previously received local prizes totaling approximately \$4,000.

Awards to counties for the most outstanding progress in specified fields were made as follows: Agriculture, Ashe; travel and recreation, Ashe; industry, Caldwell; and community development, Alleghany. Each received \$100.

For outstanding youth programs in connection with community development, \$25 awards were presented to the following: Mulberry in Caldwell, farming community; Gamewell in Caldwell, rural non-farm; Moravian Falls in Wilkes, small town; and Boone in Watauga, special community.

The awards were presented by Neil Bolton, association secretary, and Mrs. W. T. Roth, community development division chairman.

Year-End Figures
With official year-end figures not yet completed, the estimates given were made by agricultural leaders in the 11 counties.

Alleghany—new services and (Continued on page five).



JUNIOR TOBACCO SHOW—These boys were participants in the Junior Tobacco Show held here last week. They are, kneeling, left to right: Keith Perry, Lee Warren, Ronald Swift, Clifford Farthing, Mike Farthing; standing: Glenn Maxwell, N. C. State College Agronomy Specialist (tobacco) who helped with the show and offered words of encouragement to the boys; Robert Shipley, FFA leader; Tommy Cole, Jack Gantt, Kent Younce, Jackie Ward, and Woodrow Richardson, 4-H Club leader.—Staff photo.

Swift Wins Honors In Burley Show

Ronald Swift won top honors in the Junior Tobacco Show, held last week for 4-H and FFA club members at Mountain Burley Warehouse No. 2.

Ronald, a 4-H club member from Bethel, is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Swift, Reese. He scored 89.25 to top eight other club members. His score was: record book, 13.9; practices, 13.2; sorting and handling, 13.0; yield, 20.0; and price per pound, 29.15.

Second place went to Lee Warren with a score of 84.90; third to

Keith Perry with a score of 79.45. Other winners were Clifford Farthing, fourth; Jackie Ward, fifth; Kent Younce, sixth; Tommy Cole, seventh; Jack Gantt, eighth; and Johnny Taylor, ninth.

In the 4-hand show the following were winners:
Flings—1st, Lee Warren; 2nd, Keith Perry; 3rd, Ronald Swift.

Lugs—1st, Tommy Cole; 2nd, Lee Warren; 3rd, Keith Perry.

Leaf—1st, Lee Warren; 2nd, Ronald Swift; 3rd, Keith Perry.

Judges on the crop show were Tully Anderson, Greenville Tobacco company; Earl Morton, Liggett and Myers Tobacco Co.; Evans Grant, Reynolds Tobacco Co.; and Blythe Lee, USDA Government grader.

Working with the boys were Woodrow Richardson, assistant county agricultural agent working with 4-H club, and Robert Shipley, agricultural teacher at Cove Creek High School, working with the FFA boys.

Prize money was contributed by Watauga United Fund and R. C. Coleman and Associates.

Coach Breitenstein Will Quit As Football Mentor At A.S.T.C.

Dr. William H. Plemmons, president of Appalachian State Teachers College, announced Saturday that interim Head Football Coach Bob Breitenstein will not return to the school next year.

Dr. Plemmons said that Breitenstein had informed him that other commitments would prevent him from continuing as full-time coach. Breitenstein conferred with the college president last week before departing for Miami, Fla., to serve as a member of the Orange Bowl Committee.

Breitenstein, formerly an assistant football coach at the University of Miami and Appalachian, took the head coaching job in July following the death of Coach Bob Broome.

Planned One Year
Breitenstein said at the time that he could serve for only one year. He operates a boys camp near Boone in the summer and works with the Orange Bowl Committee in the winter.

The Mountaineers posted a 6-4 record this season and finished second to Lenoir Rhyne in the North State Conference standings with a 5-1 league mark.

Dr. Plemmons said that a replacement for Breitenstein will be sought as rapidly as the situation permits. He said that no person in particular has been considered.

Remaining members of the Appalachian football coaching staff are John Kirk and Jim Duncan. Duncan, a former star lineman at Wake Forest College and ex-captain of the professional New York Giants, went to Appalachian as an assistant last summer.

Dr. Plemmons said that Kirk and Duncan would be retained. "Our coaches are also members of our faculty," he said. "We are not ready at this time to make announcements concerning candidates for the head coaching job." (Continued on page five)

Badly Hurt In Rites Held For Truck Accident D. H. Bingham

Edward Baird of Valle Crucis, received severe back and neck injuries November 30, when a State Highway truck with which he was clearing snow from the highway, overturned near Valle Crucis.

He remained in the truck in a semi-conscious condition for about three hours, until passersby aided him. He has been a patient at Watauga Hospital since that time, but will be taken to Baptist Hospital this week for surgery.

Don Houston Bingham, 55, of Sugar Grove, died last Wednesday at Memorial Hospital, Johnson City, Tenn.

Funeral services were conducted Friday at 2 o'clock at Henson's Chapel Methodist Church by Rev. E. O. Gore and Rev. Alvin Wilson and burial was in the Mast-Bingham cemetery.

A son of the late Judge John H. Bingham and Mrs. Bingham, deceased is survived by the widow, Mrs. Mary Thomas Bingham and a son, John Bingham. There are three brothers and five sisters: Finley, Joe and Robert Bingham; Sugar Grove; Mrs. Bessie Mast, Mrs. Jennie Mast, Mrs. Nora Reese, Mrs. Roxanna Farthing, Sugar Grove, and Miss Ophelia Bingham, Vero Beach, Fla.

Thomas Child Hurt By Auto

Clint Thomas, Jr., 4-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Clint Thomas, Vilas, was injured last Wednesday afternoon when he was hit by a car near his home. He suffered a broken nose and other injuries, and was admitted to Watauga Hospital, where he will be a patient for several days.

According to the report of Patrolman George E. Baker, who investigated the accident, Mrs. Victoria Smith Yates, Route 1, Vilas, was traveling south on N. C. 194, at (Continued on page five)

FURTHERING PEACE AIMS

President Eisenhower says his eleven-nation tour is part of a design to use his prestige to dispel doubts about this country's peaceful intentions. In his final address before leaving, the President said he intended to work for this purpose "in every possible way I can" so long as "other duties do not prevent me from doing so."

DRAMA TO BE REVISED

Better Than Ever Horn Promised Next Season

More Intense Promotional Effort Slated

A "greatly improved" Horn in the West can be expected next year, according to information given the executive committee of the Southern Appalachian Historical Association, in session last week discussing plans for promoting the 1960 production of the drama in Boone.

Along with this information came the expression that persons who have seen the production in previous years will want to see it again. Several changes are planned in the script, the committee was told, and these changes are expected to make the story move faster and be more entertaining.

Plans are being made to promote the drama all this winter, and folders are expected to be printed soon to help in the promotion.

Dates for the drama next year have been announced as July 1 through August 28, nightly except Mondays.

The executive committee is composed of chairmen of the various committees of Southern Appalachian Historical Association, sponsors of the drama. The committees and persons serving on them are listed below. Chairmen are first named: Finance—H. Grady Farthing, R. D. Hodges, Jr., Hugh Hagaman, Mrs. Len D. Hagaman, D. L. Wilcox, G. C. Greene, Jr.

Production—Dr. Lawrence Owsley, R. E. Agle, A. R. Smith, Dr. W. H. Plemmons, O. K. Richardson, Dr. C. Ray Lawrence.

Public relations—J. V. Caudill, Beaufort Stamey, Mrs. James Winkler, Glenn Andrews, Harold Rice, Gwyn Hayes, Carl Smith, Hal Johnson.

Advertising and publicity—Joe Minor, Leo Pritchett, Spencer Robbins, L. T. Tatum, S. C. Eggers, Sr., H. P. Holsouser, Jr., Mrs. Rob Rivers, George Flowers, Jane Smith, Walt Canfield.

Southern Appalachian Historical Association—Dr. D. J. Whitener, Mrs. B. W. Stallings, James Marsh, Wade E. Brown, W. W. Chester, W. Ralph Winkler, Dr. R. H. Harmon; Mrs. B. W. Stalling, curator; Carl Teague, Mrs. R. H. Harmon, Carl Fidler, Armfield Coffey, Howard Cottrell, Grady Moretz, Jr., James Winkler.



YDC SPEAKER—Monroe M. Redden, Jr., center, talks to group of Democrats following his speech at Watauga Young Democratic Club supper last week. Left to right are Grady Moretz, Jr., and John Hoyt Edmister, vice-presidents of the Watauga YDC; Jerry Laws, secretary; Mr. Redden; J. B. Clawson, Jr., president of the local organization; Representative Jack Edmister, and Town Councilman Howard Cottrell.

Monroe Redden, Jr. Tells YDC Indifference Is Foe To Party

Mrs. E. S. Coffey Funeral Friday



MRS. COFFEY

Mrs. Annie Parks Coffey, widow of E. S. Coffey, pioneer Boone lawyer, died last Wednesday at the home following a long illness. She was 85 years old.

Funeral services were conducted at 2 o'clock Friday at the First Baptist Church by Rev. Harrison Wilson, Rev. John Gibson and Rev. J. C. Canipe. Burial was in the city cemetery.

Mrs. Coffey, the former Miss Annie Parks of Mouth of Wilson, Va., had resided in Boone for 67 years where she was married to E. S. Coffey in 1894. He died in 1925.

Surviving are four daughters: Mrs. Carrie Williams, Asheville; Mrs. Ruth Porter, Cherryville; Mrs. Nell Linney, Boone; Mrs. W. C. Black, Staunton, Va. There is one brother, Mrs. Fred Parks, Hendersonville and one grandson, Robert Black, Staunton, Va.

Monroe M. Redden, Jr., chairman-elect of the Young Democratic Clubs of North Carolina, spoke to the Watauga YDC and their guests last Thursday night at a supper meeting in the Appalachian Room of the Boone Trail Restaurant. He told them that there is a need to eliminate political indifference among the Democratic voters of North Carolina, and that one of the duties of YDC is to help in achieving this.

The Watauga Young Democratic Club is a young club, having been organized early this year, and Mr. Redden, who comes from Hendersonville, attempted to explain to his audience some of the problems facing YDC, and some of the aims the organization has.

He urged active participation in political matters of the community especially, and state and nation, and said the state organization has speakers available to local clubs to help explain issues facing members.

Telling some of the history of the state organization, Mr. Redden said that the young Democrats initiated the Jefferson-Jackson dinner in Raleigh, now a major fund-raising event of the Democrats. He told of plans of the clubs to aid financially in sending delegates to the National Convention next year in California.

Mr. Redden stressed the importance of cooperation with "senior party" leaders, and expressed his delight that many of the local senior leaders were in attendance. He also called attention to the value of "woman power" in electing delegates to the district committee during the lat-



JOHN RALPH BUCHANAN

Candidate For Scholarship

John Ralph Buchanan has been selected to represent Watauga County as a candidate for the Morehead Scholarship to the University of North Carolina.

He received notice of his selection from J. H. Council, chairman of the Watauga County committee for the Morehead Scholarship program. He has received an invitation from Roy Armstrong, Executive Secretary of the Morehead Foundation, to appear before the district committee during the lat-

Decoration Contest To Be Judged Sunday

The Christmas home decoration contest sponsored by the Boone Junior Women's Club in cooperation with other local clubs will be judged Sunday night, December 20th. Your decoration should be finished and the light turned on by 7:00 p. m.

In order for your display to be judged it must be registered. Please register your entry by calling either of the co-chairmen, Mrs. Jim Winkler, Jr., AM 4-8247, or Mrs. John Hollar AM 4-8430. Deadline for registering your entry will be December 20, 3:00 p. m.

All decorations should be in the Christmas spirit, in keeping with the setting, original, and assembled by entrant. Cash awards will be made by

the following clubs.
Boone Junior Club—1st place door, 2nd place door.
Gardenerettes—1st place children, 2nd place children.
Appalachian Garden Club—1st place mantle.
Blue Ridge Garden Club—1st place lawn, 2nd place lawn.
Home and Garden Dept. of Worthwhile Woman's Club—1st place window, 2nd place window.
Members of participating clubs would like to encourage every family in Boone to enter at least one division of this contest. Much interest has been shown and the sponsoring clubs hope this will be the best contest on record.
Winners will be announced in the next edition of the Democrat.

1959 Farm Census In Area Near Completed

The 1959 Census of Agriculture is about 90 percent completed in this area, it was announced today by Field Director Joseph R. Norwood of the Census Bureau's regional office at Charlotte.

The Census official stated that he was well pleased with the cooperation the census takers are receiving from farmers in the area and has high hopes of completing the canvass within the next ten days. He pointed out that the field canvass of farms is one of the larger costs of the census and that

cooperation of farmers in completing questionnaires promptly will be a vital factor in keeping down the final cost of the undertaking.

Quick completion of the census will not only help in keeping costs down but will aid in prompt publication of the results, the field director said. He urged local farmers who have not already done so to complete the census questionnaire and have it ready when the census taker calls.



CHRISTMAS LIGHTS—Workers are silhouetted against the sky as they go about stringing lights on King Street. The lights and roping were installed last week and brighten the trade-way of town. Workers are, left to right: Jack Austin, Paul Isaacs, and Lloyd Bentley.—Staff photo.