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BOONE WEATHER				
1960	High	Low	6 pm	prec.
Jan. 5	34	26	28	18
Jan. 6	35	27	34	70
Jan. 7	36	29	29	17
Jan. 8	38	28	34	07
Jan. 9	36	27	42	33
Jan. 10	34	31	48	16
Jan. 11	53	44	48	tr.
Jan. 6-4	inches snow; total prec. .95 in.			

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January Court To Start 25th

The January term of Watauga Superior Court will convene on Monday the 25th, with Hon. George B. Patten of Franklip the presiding Judge.

Hon. B. T. Falls, Jr., of Shelby, district Solicitor, will prosecute the docket of some 75 cases.

Most of the indictments, says Court Clerk A. E. South, are for misdemeanors, most of them involving traffic violations. A number will face trial for violation of the State's prohibition laws.

Following are the names of those who have been summoned for jury duty for the one-week criminal session:

Bald Mountain: Emory E. Ragan, Roby Greer.

Beaver Dam: Lewis Dishman, Edmond Farthing, Clay Robinson, Dean Winebarger.

Blowing Rock: Clyde Clawson, Bob Hardin, Glenn Coffey, Fred Spann.

Blue Ridge: Carson Eggers, Hade Cook.

Boone: Gordon Taylor, Allen Gragg, Joe Williams, J. V. Caudill, Joe Todd.

Brushy Fork: Elbert A. Vannoy, Howard J. Hodges, Archie Dancy, Ira G. Fox, A. Y. Howell.

Cove Creek: Dock Dishman, Sam F. Horton, Clay Perry, Duke Hollars.

Elk: Grover Wheeler, Sherman Greer.

Laurel Creek: Arlis Glenn, Frank Cable, James Shull, Ollis Mast.

Meat Camp: Ernest Moritz, Tom Jackson, Vaughn Tugman, Ray Moretz.

New River: Alfred T. Adams, Raymond Hendrix, Hoy Greene, Collis Austin, W. K. Wilson.

North Fork: Glenn South, Archie Wilson.

Shawneehaw: Fay Townsend, Ed Chappell, Victor Farthing.

Stony Fork: Edgar Hardin, James C. Watson, Floyd F. Wilcox, Milton Moretz.

Watauga: Ed Harbin, Tom Cook, Bert Church, M. L. Henson, Murray Coffey.

504 Jailed During '59

Watauga county jail furnished lodging for at least one night during 1959 to 504 persons who were placed there by law officers, according to figures kept by the county sheriff's office. Whiskey, its possession, use of, and driving under the influence, was the cause for most nights being spent in jail.

Breaking of traffic laws was second big reason for lock ups, and larceny was third.

According to Sheriff's Deputy George Smitherman, who is jailer for the county, the cells were empty only six nights during 1959, and the most "tenants" for any one night was 15. The jail is equipped to house 22.

Public drunkenness was the cause of 246 spending time in jail. For possession of non-tax-paid whiskey 20 were arrested and placed in jail. Sixty-nine were locked up for driving drunk; 36 persons were confined for larceny; 19 for speeding; 19 for assault; 16 for no operator's license; 14 for worthless checks; 11 for non-support; 8 for driving after license were revoked.

Other confinements were for: Hit and run 8, reckless driving 5, fraud 2, fire bug 1, failure to pay court cost 2, assault on officer 4, improper license tag 1, highway robbery 1, selling mortgaged property 1, improper mufflers 2, permitting unlicensed operator to drive 4.

Driving on wrong side of road 1, failure to transfer title 1, failure to report accident 1, carrying concealed weapon 2, violation of peace warrant 2, escapes 4, leaving scene of accident 1, AWOL from service 2.

Traffic Toll

Raleigh—The Motor Vehicles Department's summary of traffic deaths through 10 a. m. Monday, January 11:

Killed to date, 26.

Killed to date last year, 36.

The National Safety Council reports more fatal farm accidents occur in the 10-14 age group than in any other group.



Officials of Appalachian State Teachers College examine blueprints of the new entrance to the Dauphin Disco Dougherty Memorial Library on the campus. Left to right, Dr. W. H. Plemmons, president of ASTC, Edwin S. Dougherty, history professor; B. D. Dougherty, vice president; and William L. Eury, head librarian. The two Doughertys are sons of the library's namesake. (Carmen Carter photo.)

High School Science Teachers To Attend Summer Institute

Robbins Heads Blowing Rock Commerce Group

Harry Robbins was elected to the presidency of the Blowing Rock Chamber of Commerce, in the first meeting of 1960 of the group's board of directors. Louis Smith will serve as vice president for the year and Lloyd Robbins as treasurer.

Mr. Robbins appointed the following committees to serve with him (first named chairman): Budget and finance—Louis H. Smith, R. B. Hardin, Harry Robbins. Advertising—Spencer Robbins, Lloyd S. Robbins, Larry Walker.

Highway—F. W. Rainey, Rathmell E. Wilson, Spencer Robbins. Conventions—G. Sidney Pickard, Grover C. Robbins, Elie S. Mattar. Membership—Louis H. Smith, Lloyd S. Robbins, Bill Lentz. The board of directors, elected in December, to serve for 1960 are R. B. Hardin, Bill Lentz, Lloyd S. Robbins, Harry Robbins, Louis H. Smith, Rathmell E. Wilson, Larry Walker, associate directors—Milton M. Chapman, E. Wade Klutz, Elie S. Mattar, G. Sidney Pickard. Mrs. Helen B. Clear is secretary.

Chas. Hodges Dies Monday

Charles Grey Hodges, 83 years old, pioneer teacher and prominent citizen of the Sands neighborhood, died Monday at the home, following a long illness.

Funeral services will be conducted this (Wednesday) afternoon at 2 o'clock at the Advent Christian Church in Boone, by the pastor, Rev. Floyd N. Boston, assisted by Rev. Willard Presler, Rev. J. K. Parker and Rev. W. L. Trivette.

Burial will be in the Hodges family cemetery. The body will remain at Reins-Sturdivant Funeral Home until taken to the church where it will lie in state for an hour prior to the start of the services.

Surviving are the widow, Mrs. Carrie Brown Hodges, two sons and two daughters: Finley Hodges, R. F. D. 2, Boone; A. E. Hodges, Virginia Beach, Va.; Mrs. Bertha Cooke, Boone; Mrs. Jewel Honeycutt, Virginia Beach, Va. There is one brother, Dr. J. E. Hodges of Maiden. Fourteen grandchildren and twenty-three great grandchildren are included among the survivors.

Mr. Hodges was a school teacher for many years, and taught in various parts of the State. He held a position with the Federal Land Bank for a number of years, was active as an ASC farm committeeman, a charter member of the Advent Christian Church in Boone, a member of its Board of Deacons, and a Sunday School teacher for a great many years.

Mr. Hodges was interested in all matters of public concern and was active in the affairs of the Democratic party. He held his precinct chairmanship for a great many years, and was Registrar of Elections until ill health brought about his retirement.

Mrs. Linney Is Honored



MRS. VIRGINIA W. LINNEY

At the National Association of Teachers of Singing held in Cincinnati, Ohio December 27-30th, Mrs. Virginia Wary Linney of the voice faculty of Appalachian State Teachers College was elected to the office of Regional Governor.

It was the 15th annual convention and was held at the Netherland Hilton Hotel which was the place of its birth. The purpose of the organization is to raise the standards of vocal instruction and the adherence to a strict ethical code in the profession.

Dr. Wilson Named To Training Unit

Dr. Hadley M. Wilson has been appointed as a member of the training unit of the University of North Carolina's School of Medicine for post graduate courses. Last week he attended a meeting of the group in Morganton.

High school science teachers of southeastern United States are invited to apply for the National Science Foundation Summer Institute to be held at Appalachian State Teachers College June 9 through July 16, reports Dr. I. W. Carpenter, Jr., director.

The National Science Foundation has granted \$43,000 for the institute to be conducted on Appalachian's campus.

Fifty teachers of biology, physics and chemistry will be selected from applications received.

Successful candidates are entitled to a \$75 weekly stipend plus an additional \$15 allowance for each dependent up to four. Travel allowance is four cents per mile. There is no tuition but purchase of textbooks is required. The maximum stipend is \$810 and all stipends are tax exempt.

Faculty for the six-week institute includes Dr. Carpenter, Dr. J. Frank Randall of Appalachian, the associate director, Dr. James Starling, Washington and Lee University, and Dr. W. G. Sink, Appalachian.

Visiting lecturers who may participate in the institute are Dr. T. L. Quay (zoology), N. C. State College; Dr. Henry J. Oosing (botany), Duke University; Dr. Douglas G. Nicholson (chemistry), East Tennessee State College; and Dr. Frank D. Martin (chemistry), Purdue University.

Institute assistants are W. E. Thaler, Boone; Grayson Bradley, Asheville; Nancy Frazier, Lenoir; and Mrs. Genevieve A. Atwood, Boone.

The institute will feature weekend field trips to Grandfather Mountain, Roan Mountain, Coweta Watershed, Oak Ridge, Tenn., Joyce Kilmer Forest, Fontana Dam and Ducktown, Tenn.

Mrs. Mitchell Rites Are Held

Mrs. Rettie Townsend Mitchell, 88, resident of Valle Crucis, died last Wednesday at Watauga Hospital.

Funeral services were held Saturday at the Holy Cross Episcopal Church. Rev. Rhet Y. Winters conducted the rites and burial was in the church cemetery.

Surviving are two sons and four daughters: Gillis Mitchell, Valle Crucis; Adley Mitchell, Okanogan, Wash.; Mrs. Aggie M. Lowrance, Mrs. Artie Harmon, Mrs. Myrtle Welch, Valle Crucis; Mrs. Gibsey Carter, Lenoir. There are two brothers, four sisters, fourteen grandchildren and 19 great grandchildren.

C. A. B. hearings set on three airline crashes.

4,262,000 POUNDS WEED SOLD

Boone Burley Market Is Tops In Average Price

Local Sales Are Leaders In The State

The Boone Burley Market led the three North Carolina markets in price paid for tobacco the past season. Boone had an average of \$56.54 for the entire 1959-60 season, according to figures furnished by the Federal-State Marketing News Service at the end of burley sales last Thursday.

Closest average price was \$55.82 at Asheville, and West Jefferson trailed with a \$53.59 average.

While the volume in sales for the three locations topped by 1,456,687 pounds that of the 1958-59 selling season, the average price dropped \$8.77 under the 1958-59 figure. Lower quality of tobacco in the offerings was blamed for the difference in average prices for the two seasons.

A total of 20,250,541 pounds of burley was sold in North Carolina during the past season, averaging \$55.40 per hundred.

The news service reported Boone's sales for 1959-60 were 4,262,000 pounds, for the average of \$56.54; Asheville, 10,790,948 pounds averaging \$55.82; and West Jefferson 5,207,593 pounds averaging \$53.59.

In the 1958-59 season, Boone sold 3,105,620 pounds for \$63.45 per hundred; West Jefferson 5,083,716 pounds for \$62.52; and Asheville 10,604,538 pounds for \$65.18.

Thursday's final sales were: Boone, 5,782 pounds for \$47.80; West Jefferson, 34,878 pounds for \$39.97; and Asheville, 112,268 pounds for \$46.76.

Mrs. Thomas Dies Saturday

Mrs. Lillie Greer Thomas, 79, died at the home at Zionville last Saturday.

Funeral services were held Sunday at the Zionville Baptist Church by Rev. Paul Phipps, Rev. R. C. Eggers and Rev. E. O. Gore and burial was in the church cemetery.

The widow of Walter N. Thomas, Mrs. Thomas is survived by three daughters: Misses Edna, Mildred Thomas of Zionville, and Mrs. Don Bingham of Sugar Grove. There is one sister Miss Hettie Thomas of Zionville. One grandchild also survives.

Benson hears economists score farm policy.



DEMOCRATS.—John D. Larkins, Trenton (center in dark suit), poses with a group of Democrats who were present at a YDC-sponsored meeting in the courthouse last Tuesday. Others who may be identified at a glance, left to right are, J. D. Winebarger, Grady Greer, Claude Williams, Major Jack Thomas, Wade E. Brown, Larkins, Hooper Hendrix, Clyde Perry, J. B. Clawson, Jr., Homer Brown, and Dr. D. J. Whitener.—Staff photo.

Promoted



Lieutenant John W. (Sonny) Williams, Jr. has been promoted to a Captaincy in the Air Force at McGuire's Air Force Base, N. J. Mr. Williams, is a son of the late J. W. Williams and Mrs. Williams of Boone, is a graduate of Appalachian State Teachers College and has been in the Air Force for six years.

Baby Clinic Is Set For Jan. 20

The monthly Well Baby Clinic will be held at the Watauga County Health Center on Wednesday January 20, at 1:00 p. m. Dr. H. M. Wilson will be the attending physician.

Larkins Lauds Record Of Party In Carolina

John D. Larkins, a possible candidate for nomination for governor of North Carolina in the Democratic primary, was speaker last Tuesday night to a group of Democrats in the courthouse. He was guest of the Young Democrat Club of Watauga county.

Mr. Larkins, Democratic national committeeman, is expected by many politicians to announce sometime this month his intentions concerning the governor's race. He is from Trenton, and has been active in politics all his life.

Wade E. Brown, a former school mate of Senator Larkins at Wake Forest, introduced the speaker to the audience of both "young" and "old" Democrats. The speaker talked about the Democratic party and what it has meant in North Carolina. He pointed out reasons all Democrats should be active in support of their party. The meeting was one of a series in which the YDC is sponsoring to get prominent party leaders to speak in the county. Recently they had as speaker, Monroe Redden, of Hendersonville, chairman-elect of the North Carolina YDC. J. B. Clawson, Jr., is president of the Watauga YDC.

Virginians Travel 150 Miles Weekly To Study At A.S.T.C.

Every Saturday for three months Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Collins traveled 150 miles from Critz, Va., to Boone, to attend classes at Appalachian State Teachers College for work on their master of arts degrees. After classes the pair returned on the same day to Critz, a 300-mile round trip.

Both teach during the week at Hardin Reynolds Memorial School at Critz, where Collins is also the principal and Mrs. Collins an eighth grade school teacher and coach.

When asked why they traveled so far to attend the fall quarter classes at ASTC, they replied, "We love Appalachian and wanted to renew old acquaintances."

Courses taken were Dr. James E. Stone's Research 500 and Roger Thomas' Physical Education 501.

Principal Collins has been in school work for eight years and his wife seven years. Both are 1951 ASTC graduates.

The couple has two children, Tommy, six, and Terry, two.

Teens To Aid Dimes Drive

Mrs. Joe Edmisten, chairman of the March of Dimes Teen Program, has secured a group of Appalachian High School students to sell crutches, litter bags and balloons to help with the current drive. They will begin at 9:00 a. m. Saturday and will be on duty until late in the afternoon.

A dance, which is being planned for high school students, will be announced in next week's issue of the Democrat.

Symbolizes Attack on Crippling



Birth defects victim Mary Beth Pyron, 2, of Florence, Ala., is national poster girl for the January 1960 New March of Dimes, symbolizing The National Foundation's attack on crippling birth defects, arthritis and polio