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BOONE WEATHER			
1960	High	Low	8 pm. precip.
Jan. 12	48	31	.49
Jan. 13	57	38	.55
Jan. 14	59	49	.52
Jan. 15	56	40	.03
Jan. 16	42	33	tr.
Jan. 17	31	23	.34
Jan. 18	39	34	.38
Total precipitation—2.4 of an inch.			

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Two-Way Radio System Aids Reading Of Water Meters



Meter Reader Carl Greene reads meter and calls into office . . .

The Town of Boone plans to cut down on the time required to read the nearly 1,000 water meters on the Water Department lines by use of its new trans-receiving-sending radio sets. The radio system was put into effect Monday, and is expected to cut reading time into half.

As explained by Carl Greene, meter reader, and Town Clerk J. E. Joines, who have been working with the idea for several months, two portable radio sets will be used. One will be with the reader, who will call the readings to Town Hall. The other set will be at the town offices, where the secretary will receive the calls and record the readings.

Before this, the reader had to record the readings on a set of books, and later these readings were transferred to other records before finally being recorded on the bill of the water user. Considerable book work will be eliminated with the radio system, Mr. Greene said. And, the secretary can perform other office duties between readings, he said.

The radios are portable, running off batteries, or they may be plugged into a wall outlet.

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. . . Town Clerk J. E. Joines receives message, records meter reading.

DR. REVELLI TO APPEAR

24 High Schools To Attend Band Clinic

Area Event Is Annual Affair At A. S. T. C.



Dr. William D. Revelli, of the University of Michigan (center), who will conduct high school band clinic in Boone this week end, discusses plans with Dr. William G. Spencer, head of Music Department at Appalachian (left), and Charles L. Isley, clinic chairman.

One of the world's most famous band conductors will direct the annual two-day Northwestern North Carolina Band Clinic on the campus of Appalachian State Teachers College January 22-23.

Dr. William D. Revelli is director of bands at the University of Michigan, past president of the American Bandmasters' Association and an honorary holder of doctor's degrees in music, law and public service.

For the tenth consecutive year Appalachian plays host to this event, which will be attended this year by 110 selected students from 24 Carolina high schools.

The students won the privilege to participate by performing before a panel of judges last month. Music has been mailed to each member to study before arriving at the clinic.

The clinic, free to the public, opens on Friday and closes Saturday evening with a concert in the Fine Arts Auditorium.

Charles L. Isley, Jr., clinic chairman and band director at Appalachian State Teachers College, announces these representatives of the 24 high schools and their directors:

Appalachian High School, Boone, Clyde Wade, director. Students—Robert Cook and Ann Greer, 2nd flute; Linda Masf' Eb clarinet B; Barbara Matheson, solo clarinet B; Rachel Rivers, 2nd clarinet E; Jane Hodges, 3rd clarinet F; Kathryn Mast, alto clarinet A; Margaret Hagaman, bass clarinet B; Alice Greer, 1st oboe B; John Buchanan, 1st bassoon B; John Lett, 2nd trumpet; Marcus Cook, 3rd F horn B; Edward Brown and Bob Agle, tuba A; and Bobby Jo Winkler, snare drum.

Beaver Creek High, West Jefferson, Gilmer Caudill, director. Students—Bobby Pugh, tuba G.

Davie County High, Mocksville, Paul Reichle, director. Students—John Andrews, 3rd flute D, and Luke Gaither, tuba F.

Drexel High, Drexel, Miss Katherine Siphers, director. Students—Eunice Secrest, 1st clarinet B; Mackie Baker, 2nd clarinet B; Nancy Robertson, alto clarinet B; Sharon Settemeyer, bass clarinet C; Mary Lowery, 2nd bassoon A; Jo Anne Cannon, 1st alto sax A; Rosemary Person, baritone sax B; Kenneth Secrest, 2nd cornet A; Jean Spencer, 3rd cornet B; Pat Sommers, 1st F horn B; and Janice Franklin, 2nd F horn B.

Glen Alpine High, Glen Alpine, Miss Martha Tomasson, director. Students—Stanlena Quick, 4th horn C, and Tom Deese, 3rd trombone A.

Gray High, Winston-Salem, E. L. Rowley, director. Students—Alice Hendrix, 2nd oboe A; and Brownlee Clodfelter, tuba C.

Griffith High School, Winston-Salem, Mrs. Tom Diener, director. Student—Don Tesh, 2nd trombone B.

East Rowan High, Granite Quarry, Dill Coble, director. Students—Martha Fisher, 2nd clarinet C; Patricia Honeycutt, 3rd clarinet C; Nelson Lingle, solo cornet B; Linda Park, snare drum D; and Donna Ludwig, bass drum.

Hanes High, Winston-Salem, Ralph Walker, director. Student Anita Moody, bass clarinet D.

Hudson High, Hudson, Bob Love, director. Students—Sharon Kincaid and Pat Smith, 3rd clarinet D; Hike Hines, 2nd cornet C; Jane Creigh, 3rd F horn A; and Ben Wallace, tuba D.

Lenoir High, Lenoir, Bernard Hirsch, director. Students—Kathryn Menefee, 1st flute A; Billy Jo Arney, solo clarinet A; Selden Gladden, 1st clarinet A; Vivian Holloway, 1st oboe A; Judy Gragg, 1st bassoon A; Doug Holman, 3rd cornet A; Charles Spicer, 2nd trumpet B; Lucille Swanson, 1st (Continued on page eight)

Mrs. Worth To Lead Mother's March Here

Mrs. Joseph L. Worth will head the 1959 Mothers' March for the March of Dimes, Dr. Gene Reese, Watauga County March of Dimes campaign director, announced today.

Mrs. Worth, well known in civic and welfare circles, is a member of several women's organizations. As head of the now-famous house-to-house visits, the chairman will be responsible for planning and organizing the community-wide event that has become the traditional climax to the January campaign. It will be held on the evening of Jan. 28.

"Our Mothers' March, aimed at the four target areas of the National Foundation's expanded program, must be bigger and more vigorous than ever before," the chairman said. "We must assure early development of patient aid programs for children suffering from arthritis and birth defects (congenital malformations), keep faith with disabled polio patients and speed research to prevent these and other afflictions. No longer marching on polio alone, we hope to mobilize many more women. For women are concerned with the healthy growth of children and the building of a stronger America.

"The Mothers' March gives us the opportunity to do more than just look wistfully forward to a time when scientific discoveries will prevent crippling diseases from attacking our children. We can speed that hopeful day by demonstrating the strengthening of our partnership with the men of science. We can—and we must—support their efforts with greater voluntary contributions to the March of Dimes in January."

During the intensive hour-long Mothers' March here, home owners will be asked to signify their desire to contribute to the March of Dimes by turning on their porchlights or by leaving a lighted candle or lamp in a front window. Apartment dwellers will tie a handkerchief or ribbon to their doorknobs in signal of their intention to give.

Mrs. Jack Edmisten is chairman for the Mother's March in Perkinville.

Tip Shull Dies On Wednesday

Phillip Rittenhouse Shull, familiarly known as "Tip" Shull, a pioneer resident of the Sugar Grove section, died at Watauga Hospital last Wednesday.

A retired farmer, Mr. Shull was 87 years old.

Funeral services were held at Willow Valley Baptist Church at 2 o'clock Friday. Rites were conducted by Rev. R. C. Eggers and Rev. Carl Wilson. Burial was in the Shull family cemetery.

Pallbearers were nephews of deceased: Jim, Simon and Bill Shull; Wilburn Rominger and Fred Webster.

Surviving are three sisters, Mrs. Etta Thomas, Boone; Mrs. Minnie Sutherland and Mrs. Charles Sutherland, both of Creston. There are a number of nephews and nieces.

County Had No Polio In 1959

No cases of poliomyelitis were reported during the calendar year of 1959 in Watauga county. This information is supplied by the District Health Department office in the county.

The Health Department bulletin said: "This (no polio) is partially due to the accelerated immunization program which has been carried out throughout the county by Appalachian State Teachers College, the Health Department, and the National Foundation.

"However, this does not mean there will be no further incidence of polio in this area. If we be (Continued on page eight)

Albert Harmon Funeral Held

Albert Eli Harmon, 73, Beech Creek, a retired chemical engineer, died last Friday at Grace Hospital, Banner Elk.

Funeral services were held Monday at the Zion Hill Baptist Church by Rev. Ronda Earp and burial was in the church cemetery.

Surviving are the widow, two sons and three daughters Andrew Harmon, Louisville, Ky; Lester Harmon, Winston-Salem; Mrs. Gene Turner, Mrs. Pauline Chapman, Akron, Ohio; Mrs. Irene Allison, Saltville, Va. One brother, Lionel Harmon of Little Rock, Ark. survives and a sister, Mrs. Lula Ramsey, Evansville, Ind. There are 14 grandchildren.

Mrs. Cannon Dies Monday

Mrs. Ellen Ford Cannon, 93, of Villas, died at the home Monday, after an illness of three months.

Born at Aho, near Blowing Rock, Mrs. Cannon was the eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John S. Ford. She taught school for many years in Watauga county, where she had lived all her life. She was a member of Brushy Fork Baptist Church.

Funeral services will be held this (Wednesday afternoon) at 2 o'clock at Brushy Fork Baptist Church by Rev. Ed Crump, Rev. Gray Minton and T. E. Storie, and burial will be in the cemetery near the home.

The body will be taken from Reins-Stardivant Funeral Home to the church an hour prior to the services.

Surviving are the husband, J. B. Cannon, and two daughters: Mrs. A. Y. Howell and Miss Floy Cannon, both of Villas. There are four brothers and two sisters: Talton, Filmore Ford, Blowing Rock; Dock Ford, Hudson; Squire Ford, Statesville; Mrs. Chanie Greene, Mrs. Vick Greene, Blowing Rock. There are two grandchildren and seven great grandchildren.

County Had No Teenagers Aid Dimes March

Appalachian High School students displayed their community spirit by turning out on Saturday to participate in the teen-age March of Dimes sale.

They sold balloons, rainbow crutches, and litter bags to shoppers and store employees in an effort to raise money for this year's March of Dimes.

Students who participated in the sale were Marjorie Reynolds, Rachel Rivers, Pat Winkler, Jane Hodges, John Lett, Jorge Villegas, David Dougherty, Barbara Matheson, Judy Greene, John Ralph Buchanan, Margaret Rose Brown, (continued on page three)

Alexander Asks For Bigger Burley Crop

Congressman Alexander stated from his office in Washington this week that since the Congress reconvened on January 6, he has attended several meetings with officials of the Commodity Stabilization Service of the Department of Agriculture and members of the Subcommittee on Tobacco of the House Committee on Agriculture, concerning tobacco acreage allotments for 1960.

"In view of the fact," the Congressman said, "that for the fifth consecutive year tobacco production has been less than consumption, including domestic use plus exports, many qualities of Burley Tobacco are in critically short supply. Furthermore, the United States Department of Agriculture predicts a substantial increase in the consumption of Burley Tobacco in 1960 and future years.

"At the present time the Commodity Credit Corporation has in stock only 90 million pounds of Burley Tobacco, which is less than two months reserve supply.

"If we, as a nation, are to maintain our level of Burley Tobacco exports, and in order that the Burley farmer will not lose the growth in the market for Burley in the United States, it is imperative that the Burley Tobacco allotments be increased, and I have (Continued on page eight)

Watkins Is Honored For Red Cross Work

R. W. "Coach" Watkins was honored at a luncheon meeting last week in recognition of 35 years of service to the American Red Cross.

He has served in various capacities in the local Chapter, including its chairmanship. His Water Safety Program, carried on through the Appalachian State Teachers College and the community, has won him national recognition.

Highlight of the meeting in honor of Mr. Watkins was an address by Red Cross Field Representative, Marion Ritzert of the Southeastern Area office. She spoke warmly of Mr. Watkins' devotion to Red Cross service, and went on to relate something of the tradition of Red Cross to the group present.

In an informal talk before the local chapter, she told them of the monument that was unveiled on the hill of Solferino last year. The memorial is made of white marble from the 84 nations of the world who participate in Red Cross. It is unique in that no lettering appears upon it. The monument rises on this hill, she said, because it was here that Red Cross was born a hundred years ago, as a man named Henri Durant watched a battle ensue there and saw the armies retire leaving behind their dead and wounded. Durant went into the village of Solferino and recruited a volunteer group to help care for those left on the battle field. Responding to his plea that day were a Catholic Priest, a Jewish Rabbi, two protestant ministers and a Negro layman. With this prophetic nucleus, was born the Red Cross.

From a group of six, it has grown until today literally millions of people all over the world have served as volunteers in the (Continued on page eight)



WATKINS RECEIVES AWARD.—R. W. (Red) Watkins receives 35-Year Award from Red Cross, being presented by the Rev. J. K. Parker, Jr., as Chairman C. M. Yates and Field Representative Marion Ritzert look on.—Photo by Paul Weston Studio.

Policeman Nabs Huge Truck Load Of Sugar

Night Police Officer W. R. Cottrell decided to investigate the odd behaviour of a truck driver the other night, and hit an unexpected jack-pot, according to a report by Chief Richardson.

Officer Cottrell saw a large truck enter town, turn off its headlights, and swing into a side street that led up a hill above the town. He followed to find the truck abandoned, but loaded with 10,000 pounds of sugar.

He notified the ATU Division and discovered they were already aware of the truck, and had followed it from its loading point in Virginia, hoping to trail it to its unloading point, which they believed would be a "moonshine" whiskey still.

The driver apparently became aware of the fact that he was being followed, and attempted to throw off his followers by the little maneuver that aroused the suspicions of Officer Cottrell. When Cottrell gave chase too, he quickly abandoned the truck and escaped, leaving the vehicle and the 10,000 pounds of sugar to be confiscated by the ATU division, aided by Cottrell, Chief Richardson said.

Clawson Given YDC Plaque

J. B. Clawson, Jr., president of the Watauga Young Democrat Club was awarded a plaque Saturday night in Winston-Salem for being "one of the outstanding young Democrats for the year of 1959."

The presentation, one of fifteen for the State, was made during installation of officers of the North Carolina Young Democrat Club, at a banquet in Robert E. Lee Hotel. Monroe M. Redden, Jr., of Hendersonville, was installed as president of the organization.

Senator Robert C. Byrd (D-W. Va.), a native of Wilkes county, was the main speaker for the occasion. He stressed the fact that this country needs strong leadership, and told the young Democrats that the Democratic party always has had leadership, while just the reverse has been true of its "opposition."

Among those going with Mr. Clawson to Winston-Salem for the installation banquet were State Representative Jack Edmisten and Clifford Edmsiten. The meeting was attended by more than 250 young Democrats from over the State.

40-CAR CHAIN ACCIDENT

Los Angeles—One dog caused a 40-car accident on the crowded Santa Ana Freeway, south of Los Angeles. The dog darted across the highway. Forty cars smashed together in an accident that stretched three miles. Eleven persons were injured. Damage to the cars, mostly from front-to-rear collisions, was more than \$10,000. The dog was killed.

IKE TO VISIT FAR EAST

President Eisenhower is reported to be considering visits to Japan, Korea, Taiwan and the Philippines on his way home from Moscow next June.

Hospital Board Names Payne As Chairman

Mr. Frank M. Payne was elected chairman of the Board of Trustees of Watauga Hospital, Inc. when they held their monthly meeting Thursday, January 14, 1960. Other officers are Mr. Howard Cottrell, vice-chairman; Mr. Bob Congleton, treasurer; and Mrs. Jean L. Rivers, secretary.

Mr. Payne, Mrs. Rivers, Mr. D. L. Wilcox, Mr. Bob Bumbaugh and Mr. A. E. McCreary were elected to serve on the executive committee. Members on the operations committee are Mr. Payne, Mr. Congleton, Mr. Cottrell, Mr. Grady Moretz, Jr. and Mr. R. D. Hodges, Jr. Those who will serve on the plant and grounds committee are Mrs. Rivers, Mr. Bumbaugh and Mr. Wilcox. Mr. Hodges and Mr. Moretz were elected on the auditing committee.

Mr. Hodges, Mr. Bumbaugh and Mr. McCreary are new members of the board, having been elected at the November meeting. They replaced Mr. E. F. Coe, Mr. George White and Mr. G. R. Andrews, who had served three years. Mr. Andrews had been chairman for the past year.



FRANK M. PAYNE