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1960 High Low 6 pm. avg.		1959-H-L		1958-H-L	
Jan. 19	38	20	.06	43	6
Jan. 20	22	14	.02	32	28
Jan. 21	19	10	.02	28	43
Jan. 22	17	9	.12	25	16
Jan. 23	28	7	.01	30	14
Jan. 24	31	7	.23	51	21
Jan. 25	48	11	.35	57	23
Tot. prec. 1.1; approx. 3 1/2 in. snow.					

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Bank Has Fine Year In 1959

The annual meeting of the stockholders of The Northwestern Bank was held January 19 at the home office in North Wilkesboro. Mr. J. K. Doughton, Trust Officer, presided at the meeting.

The following directors were re-elected:
W. B. Austin, Jefferson; J. D. Brinkley, Valdese; H. C. Buchan, Jr., North Wilkesboro; J. K. Doughton, Sparta; Bruce Drysdale, Hendersonville; C. G. Fox, Hickory; E. F. Gardner, North Wilkesboro; W. B. Greene, Kingsport, Tenn.; C. W. Higgins, Jr., Galax, Va.; W. F. Hughes, Toecane; G. M. Kirkpatrick, Taylorsville; John C. McBees, Sr., Spruce Pine; C. M. Ogle, Hendersonville; J. H. Pearson, North Wilkesboro; C. A. Peterson, Spruce Pine; B. R. Penland, Burnsville; A. Fuller Sams, Jr., Statesville; Wade H. Shuford, Hickory; C. L. Whitsant, Hickory; Gordon H. Winkler, Boone; and Herbert M. Yount, Newton.

Dr. W. H. Plemmons, President of Appalachian State Teachers College and Dave P. Mast, Watauga Superintendent of Public Welfare, were added to the Boone board. Re-elected to the local board were Gordon H. Winkler, A. W. Greene, H. F. Holzhusser, F. R. Critcher. Dr. Plemmons was also made a member of the general board.

The stockholders approved reducing the par value of the stock from \$10.00 per share to \$5.00 per share and authorized the issuance of 300,000 shares of the \$5.00 par value stock which would leave the capital stock outstanding at the present amount of \$1,500,000. They also approved a 20c dividend on the new stock to be paid on April 1, 1960.

Mr. Edwin Duncan, President, made the following report:

1959 was an extremely active year for our bank. The rapid increase of deposits in this bank necessitated the strengthening of our Auditing Department, Credit Department and the training of new employees. We further increased our public relations staff and consolidated our advertising into one department. Not only were we faced with the problems of increasing our staff, but new industrial plants were built and new additions to existing plants were completed in 1959 in the trade territory that we serve. More than 5,000 new jobs were created by industry. Perhaps second in importance in our trade territory is the tourist business. This year new golf courses were built, new motels, new lakes, remodeled hotels, new shops and large numbers of summer homes were added to the already thriving tourist business. More than 5,000,000 people traveled the parkway in 1959. Agriculture, as a whole, had an average year. The large chicken industry had many problems brought about by low prices, but cattle were the highest in history. The mining industry, as a whole, had a good year.

Deposits increased over \$4,500,000 after losing the time deposits of the State of North Carolina. In view of the competition for deposits, it was very gratifying to overcome this withdrawal and show some increase in deposits. After paying dividends of \$210,000 and getting up reserves for income taxes and other reserves of over \$500,000, the bank added to the undivided profit account \$505,061.70. This made the capital account \$6,909,468.12 and Reserve for Possible Losses \$1,521,138.28.

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ASPIRANT—Terry Sanford, Fayetteville lawyer, (center) poses with several Watauga Democrats on the occasion of his Boone visit Saturday. Mr. Sanford is expected to announce his candidacy for the Democratic nomination for governor next month. Others in picture are, left to right, Frank Baird, Mrs. Earleen Pritchett, who was vice president of the N. C. Young Democratic Club when Mr. Sanford was president, J. B. Clawson, Jr., president of Watauga YDC, and J. Bynum Clawson.—Staff photo.

Terry Sanford Makes Public Education Text In Speech Here



CARPENTER

Terry Sanford, unofficially announced candidate for the Democratic nomination of Governor of North Carolina, was in Watauga county Saturday afternoon, and spoke to a group of Democrats in the courthouse. He was accompanied by Bert Bennett of Winston-Salem.

Sanford, who is expected to make his candidacy for the nomination official at a dinner in Fayetteville early in February, is also expected to name Bennett his manager.

In speaking to the gathering, Sanford said, "Public education will be the dominant issue in my campaign. Improvement of schools is North Carolina's most urgent need."

Sanford is a former State Senator and member of the State Ports Authority. He has been a Democratic National Convention delegate, and served in World War II. He was at one time president of the North Carolina Young Democratic Club, and Mrs. Earleen Pritchett, of Boone, was vice-president of the state club at the same time. Her husband, Leo K. Pritchett, introduced Sanford to the gathering.

"Our industrial expansion program must continue," Sanford said in touching on aspects of North Carolina life. "Our agricultural economy must get similar interest

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BAKER EDMISTEN, who was the Boone Junior Chamber of Commerce's choice of Watauga's outstanding young farmer of the year. Mr. Edmisten, whose farm is located in the Bethel community, was awarded a plaque by the Jaycees, and he becomes eligible to compete for a cash award and trip in Raleigh during the month of March. Photo by Flowers Photo Shop.

Frank Greene Rites Are Held

Frank Thomas Greene, 50, of Boone, died Saturday at the home after a long period of failing health. A heart attack was thought to have been the immediate cause of death.

Funeral services were held Sunday at the Meat Camp Baptist Church. Rev. R. C. Eggers, Rev. W. C. Payne and Rev. Bernard Tuttle officiated and burial was in the church cemetery.

Mr. Greene, who had been engaged in the cleaning business prior to his retirement due to ill health a few weeks ago, is survived by the widow, one daughter and one son, Mrs. Pauline Hayes, Albert Greene, Boone; three brothers, Verne Greene, Morganton; Woodrow Greene, Hickory; Burl Greene, Boone; the mother, Mrs. George Austin, also of Boone. There are three grandchildren.

Other members of the dance committee are Mrs. John G. Martin, Mrs. Frank Steele, Mrs. Cecil Greene, Mrs. H. E. Inman and Mrs. George Flowers.

Admission will be \$1.00 per person and the public is invited.

Steel users replace strike fears with price rises.

FCX Store Is Damaged In Early Morning Blaze

Scope Of Loss Not Readily Established

The Watauga FCX store in Boone suffered several thousand dollars loss early Saturday morning when fire broke out in the store and destroyed feed, merchandise and equipment. Firemen fought the blaze in seven-degree temperature, and brought it under control within about two hours after arriving on the scene.

Although no one could say exactly how the fire started, it was thought either an oil heater in the egg room, or defective wiring was the cause. Exact figures on the loss were not available Tuesday.

The fire was discovered about 1:00 a. m. by Ernest Vannoy, Jr., who immediately contacted Policeman W. R. Cottrell. The alarm was sounded at 1:05, and the Boone Volunteer Fire Department was on the scene shortly thereafter. FCX Manager Gale Scroggs had high praise for the fire fighters, and said that due to their prompt response and expert handling of their equipment and water, damage was kept to a minimum.

Although the store office and the insurance office of Raymond Harmon's, located at the store, were almost a total loss, records of the two firms were saved. The records were stored in a safe and metal cabinets, and were salvaged after the blaze was put out.

The firemen laid three lines of hose to fight the fire. It was thought that because the building was shut up that maybe the fire did not make as much headway as it would have could it have gotten air. It was not determined

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FIRE STARTED HERE.—Gale Scroggs, manager of Watauga FCX, stands near where it is believed Friday night fire in the store started. Offices behind Mr. Scroggs were also damaged.—Staff photo.

C. V. Henkel Announces His Bid For Second Spot On Ticket

Statesville, January 26.—Veteran Democratic Senator C. V. Henkel of Statesville and Blowing Rock, today announced his candidacy for the Democratic nomi-

rector, issued the following statement of his candidacy: "The years that lie immediately ahead will be critical ones for North Carolina. On the basis of my experience within State Government as a member of the General Assembly and in my own private endeavors I believe that I am qualified for this important office."

"North Carolina's opportunities for development on all fronts and in all sections of the State are immense. I should like to contribute what I can toward the realization of these objectives. "I want to make it absolutely clear that I am running an independent campaign and will not become involved in any other statewide campaign."

During all four terms in the legislature, Senator Henkel has served on the Committee on Conservation and Development, carrying out a life-long interest in the conservation of natural resources and industrial development. He twice served as chairman of this committee, an office he now holds.

Until he entered his first public office in 1952, Senator Henkel (Continued on page three)

County Republicans To Have Convention

The Republican County Convention will be held at the courthouse in Boone Saturday January 30 at 2 o'clock for the purpose of electing delegates to the State and district conventions and for the transaction of such other business as may come before the convention. The convention is called by Mr.

Mothers To March Tonight

An urgent appeal was sounded today by leaders of the Mothers' March urging help in the one-hour house-to-house drive that will climax the 1959 March of Dimes here on Jan. 28, 7 to 9 o'clock.

"Everyose's heart is touched by the sight of children suffering from crippling diseases, but sympathy is not enough," Mrs. Joe Worth, Mother's March chairman, said.

"Practical aid is the tangible promise we are eager to bring to every household in this county (Continued on page three)

Court News Next Week

As the Democrat nears the press on Tuesday the January criminal term of Watauga Superior Court is in session, and Judge George Patton is making good progress in clearing away a docket of about 75 cases, consisting of misdemeanors, traffic violations and the like.

The complete list of the judgments of the court will appear in the next edition of the Democrat.

March Set At Blowing Rock

A Mother's March for the March of Dimes campaign, will be conducted in Blowing Rock Thursday night, beginning at 7 o'clock, according to Mrs. Bruce Greene. Families are requested to leave the porch lights on at homes inviting a visit from the workers.

Mrs. Greene has asked that all mothers who will help with the March to meet her at the Presbyterian manse at 6:45, just prior to the drive.

Bentleys Hurt In Accident

Elijah and Mrs. Bentley of Boone were injured early last Tuesday morning when their automobile slipped on the icy highway below Green Park Hotel and plunged down the mountainside.

Mr. Bentley was driving his wife to Lenoir where she is employed by Southern Bell Telephone Co., when the accident occurred.

Mr. Bentley sustained chest injuries, while Mrs. Bentley suffered an injured right foot, bruises and lacerations. They were hospitalized in Boone.

Mr. Bentley, it is said, managed to climb the rocky embankment to the highway where Mrs. Bentley had been thrown out and succeeding in flagging a truck, which conveyed them to the hospital.

The car was demolished.

School Bus Driver Near Top In State

Edwin Douglas Carpenter, son of Mrs. Ruth D. Baker, of Valle Crucis, and a junior at Cove Creek High School, has made a grade of 96 on the school bus drivers' training test, the second highest in the State.

Young Carpenter is school bus driver for Valle Crucis and Cove Creek, going from the Pigeon Roost Road to Cove Creek and back.

He was initiated into the National Honor Society at Cove Creek last November and has always been an honor student. Formerly of Asheville, he attended the William Randolph School during the grammar grades, and North Buncombe High School before moving to Valle Crucis.

He is a son of the late Lieutenant Joe Edwin Carpenter, member of the 101st Airborne Infantry which took an active part in the battle of the Bulge. Lieut. Carpenter was fatally wounded January 13, 1945 after "gallantry above and beyond the call of duty" earned him the Silver Star award.

A purebred Aberdeen Angus heifer, the gift of President Eisenhower to Premier Khrushchev, has been shipped by plane to Moscow.

Shipped, also, were another heifer and a bull of the same breed—being presented to Mr. Khrushchev by Lewis L. Strauss, former Secretary of Commerce.

Historical Volume Is Written By Whitener

North Carolina's industrial growth after the Civil War has been further reinterpreted by Dr. D. J. Whitener, dean of Appalachian State Teachers College.

In his book, North Carolina History, which took five years to prepare, Dr. Whitener emphasizes the educational and industrial growth of the state.

"Children need to know more than facts. They need to know the meaning as well," Dr. Whitener states. And for that reason he has included special questions and related projects in his history.

The book, dedicated to his wife and all the teachers of North Carolina, was published by Harlow Publishing Company.

The preface reads: "This is a history for boys and girls." With this secondary dedication to children in mind, Dr. Whitener has made full use of 199 pictures and 18 maps in the 282-page book.

One reviewer stated, "Dr. Whitener has probably taught North Carolina history to more people who have become teachers than any other living historian."



BAND CLINIC.—These 112 musicians from 24 schools presented a concert Saturday evening in the Fine Arts Auditorium of the college following a two-day clinic. The Northwest North Carolina Band Clinic, sponsored by the North Carolina Bandmasters Association,

was conducted by Dr. William D. Revelli (seen at far left), director of bands at the University of Michigan, with Charles L. Isley, Jr., (seen at extreme right), as clinic chairman. Clyde Wade was assistant chairman. Mr. Isley is band director at Appalachian State

Teachers College, and Mr. Wade is director of the Appalachian High School Band. The clinic has been an annual affair at Appalachian for the past ten years, and attracts some of the top high school musicians in northwest North Carolina.—Photo Flowers Photo Shop.