

BOONE WEATHER				
1930	High	Low	3 pm. prec.	1933—H.H.
Feb. 16	45	11	30	51 23
Feb. 17	50	25	40	47 27
Feb. 18	46	26	26	46 33
Feb. 19	27	11	17	1.26
Feb. 20	29	8	25	24 13
Feb. 21	34	22	30	34 14
Feb. 22	33	27	28	32 25
Total precipitation—1.24—Snow about 9 in.				

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Mother, Bearing Food To Family, Dies In Blizzard

Last Thursday's blizzard claimed one victim in Watauga county, burying under the swirling snow the mother of five who perished in an effort to bring food to the children and to her aged mother.

Mrs. Mannila Davis Walker, 44, a widow, had caught a ride to Boone with J. O. Cooke, local taxicab operator, late Thursday afternoon, when it appeared that the storm wasn't going to let up, and when the food gave out in the Walker home two miles from town in the Winkler Creek area.

Mrs. Walker had been warned against starting on the return trip in the blinding storm by city policeman Carl Greene, who had suggested that she spend the night in city hall. But the cupboard was bare in the snowbound house and she asked Mr. Cooke to drive her home. The trip was started at about 7 o'clock, but Cooke couldn't make it over the drifted highways, and turned back after less than a mile had been covered. Mrs. Walker refused his offer to bring her back to town, and vanished into the storm with the bag of groceries.

Saturday, when the storm had broken, Sheriff Hodges and deputies, along with neighbors of Mrs. Walker instituted a search. Mrs. Walker's brother, John Davis, found her body, covered with snow a couple of hundred yards from her home. She had lost her bag of food a quarter mile back. Mrs. Walker had taken to a field which provided a near cut home. A portion of her clothing, fanned by the wind, led searchers to her body.

No Inquest Held
Coroner Richard Kelley considered an inquest unnecessary and stated that Mrs. Walker came to her death from freezing.

Funeral services were held Monday at the chapel of Reins-Sturdivant Funeral Home. Rev. E. O. Gore and Rev. Carson Eggers conducted the rites and burial was in the Middle Fork Church cemetery.

Surviving are the children, Carlos Tester, Douglas Tester, Tola Fae Tester, by a former marriage; Dennis Walker and Clara Walker of the home; the mother, Mrs. Loretta Davis; three brothers and a sister, Montches Davis, Morganton; John Davis, Route 3, Boone; Ernest Davis, Johnson City, Tenn.; James Davis, Lenoir; Mrs. Earlene Gragg, Blowing Rock.



IN SIGHT—Coroner Richard E. Kelley stands near the spot where the frozen body of Mrs. Mannila Davis Walker was found Saturday morning. Her home, in the top background, was just 200 yards from where she was found by her brother, John Davis.—Flowers Photo Shop photo.



SNOW SCULPTURE—Dr. Max Dixon and Kenneth Clawson sculptured this six-foot bust of George Washington from snow in Boone in honor of the first President's birthday Monday, February 22. Dr. Dixon, right, is a history professor at Appalachian State Teachers College. Mr. Clawson, son of Ted Clawson of Boone, is a senior at the college. Posing with the proud sculptors are their wives.—John Corey photo.

Little Symphony Will Present Children's Matinee For County

Preparations are in full swing in the Watauga schools for the children's matinee of the North Carolina Little Symphony, to be offered for the first time to the children of the county on March 14.

The matinee, to be given at the new gymnasium auditorium on the Appalachian State Teachers College campus, will add the schools of Watauga county to the sixty other groups in the state which have seen this combination concert and lecture-demonstration by North Carolina's own state-supported symphony. The children's

concerts last year were attended by 110,818 listeners.

Preparations in Watauga are under the direction of Mrs. Mae Edmisten, county supervisor. They began when a workshop was conducted in November in Morganton by Mrs. Adeline McCall of Chapel Hill, who outlined the program and methods of preparing the students for it. Several Watauga teachers attended the workshop, including Mrs. Laura Church and Mrs. Mary Mast of Valle Crucis, Mrs. Jimmy Mast and Mrs. Agnes Shipley of Cove Creek Elementary, Mrs. Imogene Robinson of Bethel, Mrs. Susie Buchanan of Green Valley, and Mrs. Reba Moretz of Parkway.

All students in the county, from the fourth grade through high school, will attend the matinee—about 2300 in all. They have been preparing by the use of study booklets, discussions of opera and symphony, and phonograph records. At Cove Creek Elementary School a film strip will be used in assembly and elaborate bulletin boards and posters are already on display.

The children's matinees are the idea originally of Benjamin Swalin, the director of the symphony and the man who brought it to the status of a state institution. The symphony has been used as an example of the educational advantages of North Carolina in ef-

orts to show to new industrialists that the state is educationally awake and progressive.

The public school matinee has been added to the advantages of Watauga students through the Watauga County United Fund, which is supporting the program. A special low rate was arranged for the schools through the cooperation of Appalachian State Teachers College, which has brought the Little Symphony to Boone for an evening performance for several years.

CRIME ARTICLE STOLEN
St. Louis—Two boys robbed Mrs. Anna Frager of her purse, containing \$9 and an article on crime she had just written.

C. Of C. Directors To Meet Next Tuesday
The Board of Directors of the Boone Chamber of Commerce will hold their regular meeting Tuesday, March 1, at Daniel Boone Hotel, at noon, according to an announcement by Herman W. Wilcox, president.

Weatherman Spills More Snow; Schools May Reopen Today

More than eight inches of snow was added Thursday to already snow-stricken Boone, causing schools which had just opened that morning after a forced three-day recess, to close down again at 10:30 a. m. The snow began at 8 o'clock and by noon more than three inches had fallen.

The temperature was in the 30s during the early part of Thursday and the snow was wet and slushy. By mid-afternoon the thermometer began to drop rapidly and the winds blew with gale-like

intensity. At 6 p. m. the thermometer stood at 26 degrees, and during the night it dropped as low as 11 degrees.

The wind continued to blow all day Friday and Friday night, and the temperature dropped to 8 degrees. However, even though the wind continued Saturday the temperature warmed to 29 degrees.

Sunday was warmer with a high of 34 being reported. Three-quarters of an inch of snow fell Sunday afternoon, causing the streets to become slick and hazardous again.

Highway maintenance crews were on the job around the clock, over the week end, opening and re-opening roads and highways. Drifts up to eight or more feet were reported in some places, and highways were blocked at times by vehicles which had turned sideways on the road.

W. Guy Angell, superintendent of schools, announced Tuesday that schools were to open Wednesday morning.

LANDSLIDE—Nearly 1800 yards of dirt and rock slid from a mountainside onto U. S. Highway 321, 16 miles south of Boone early Monday morning and created a road block. Highway Maintenance Supervisor F. W. McCracken said his office was notified of the slide about 8:30 a. m., and two tractor loaders, one working on each

side of the slide, were put on the job of removing the dirt from the highway. One-way traffic was opened about 4 p. m. Monday, and workmen were still on the job Tuesday morning. Dirt was piled three feet high against the opposite bank of the slide, Mr. McCracken said.—Staff photo.

Grady Moretz, Jr. Gets School Post

Eggers To Run For Lt. Governorship

Mrs. King, 79, Dies In Idaho

Southwick, Idaho—Mrs. Emma Augusta King, 79, a Southwick resident since 1928, died here Saturday at 12:10 a. m. She had been ill for about two years, and her death was attributed to a blood clot.

She was the widow of Thomas C. King, who died No. 14, 1953. Mrs. King was born at Vilas, N. C., Aug. 6, 1880, and was married at Mast, N. C., Aug. 17, 1916. She and her husband moved to Seattle, Washington, and remained there until moving to Southwick in 1928.

She was a member of the Methodist Church here.

Her survivors include a son, Thomas E. King, at Southwick; two stepsons, Otis King and Earl King, both of Seattle; two stepdaughters, Mrs. Grace Smerud of Seattle and Mrs. Miriam Stanley of Orofino; two brothers, John Combs and Harvey Combs, in North Carolina; four sisters, Mrs. Spencer Miller, Mrs. Mae Campbell, Mrs. Margaret McSwain and Mrs. Lillie Seagraves, all in North Carolina; and 14 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at Brower-Wann Chapel at Lewiston Monday with the Rev. William Strance of the Orofino Methodist Church officiating. Burial was at Normal Hill Cemetery.

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S. C. EGGERS

to the action of the State Convention which will be held next Saturday.

If there is more than one aspirant for the position, of course the nominee will be determined by the vote in the Republican State primary in May.

Mr. Eggers, who has represented Watauga County in the State House of Representatives for four sessions, is a former Chairman of the Watauga county board of commissioners, has been county republican chairman for four years, district chairman for four years, and has been the Republican candidate for State Treasurer.

Mr. Eggers has been in the real estate business in Boone for more than thirty years.

Tobacco is the South's second largest crop.

Civic Leader Takes Place Dr. Whitener

Grady Moretz, Jr., prominent young Boone business man and civic leader, was appointed to membership on the Watauga County Board of Education by the Democratic Executive Committee last Saturday, and took the oath of office on Monday.

Mr. Moretz succeeds Dr. D. J. Whitener, who resigned from the board January 29.

A son of Mr. and Mrs. Grady Moretz of Boone, Mr. Moretz was educated at Appalachian Elementary and High Schools and at the University of North Carolina. He spent four years in the Navy during the time of the Korean war, and since then has been in the lumber business with his father.

He has been prominent in the Watauga County Young Democratic Club and has been vice-president since its reorganization. He is a member of the Boone Junior Chamber of Commerce, and has held a number of offices in that



GRADY MORETZ, JR.

organization. He was chairman of the Jaycee beauty contest last year and received the Jaycee distinguished service award for 1958, as the outstanding young man of the year.

Mr. Moretz is a member of the Grace Lutheran Church and a member of the Church Council. He is President of the Watauga County United Fund, member of the Board of Trustees of Watauga Hospital, and a director of the Southern Appalachian Historical Association.

Commenting on Mr. Moretz's appointment to the Board, Mr. Guy Angell, County Superintendent of Schools, said: "We are very fortunate in having a man of his educational background and community activities to fill the unexpired term of Dr. Whitener."

Mr. Moretz is married to the former Miss Reba Smith and they reside on Poplar Hill Drive.

Miss Eula Todd Dies In Ashe

West Jefferson, Feb. 26—Miss Eula Smith Todd, well-known retired high school principal and college professor, died Thursday afternoon.

Miss Todd taught at Appalachian and had served before then as principal of a Greensboro high school for 14 years.

Funeral services were held Friday at the Jefferson Methodist Church.

She is survived by a sister, Mrs. Hortense Transou of Greensboro.

John A. Minor Dies Monday

John A. Minor, father of Joe C. Minor of Boone, died at his home in Winston-Salem Monday afternoon, following a lengthy illness.

Funeral details were meagre at press time Tuesday, but it was expected the deceased would be buried Wednesday afternoon at Fork Church cemetery in Davie county.

Survivors besides his son in Boone include his widow, three sons and three daughters.

Music School Is Arranged

The Home Demonstration Clubs are sponsoring a music school which is to be conducted Thursday, March 31 in the First Baptist Church in Boone, beginning at 10:00 o'clock. The school is for the purpose of assisting leaders who are in charge of music in their organization or groups. The training will include music reading and group singing leadership.

All interested persons are invited to attend. Non-club members are invited, as well as club members.

Miss Bobbie Pritchard, State Music Consultant, Department of Public Instruction, will conduct the training school.

BANDIT TAKES ADVICE

Detroit — A would-be holdup man, Joseph J. Vranesich, entered a Detroit bakery and demanded: "Give me the money or I'll shoot."

Mrs. Dorothy Weiner, a clerk, suggested: "Why don't you go next door to the meat market? They have a lot more money."

He did just that. The woman then called the police, who arrested Vranesich as he came out of the meat market with \$79.00.



DR. SWALIN