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BOONE WEATHER					1959-1960
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Total precipitation—2.54; total snow—10 in.					

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King Street, looking east as it appeared Saturday morning. The wind was swirling the snow and the temperature was just a little above zero.

Parkway Is Given \$3,595,000



Ice, anybody?

Kenneth Perry Named Assistant Farm Agent

Takes Fire Dept. Heater

Robert (Coot) Haigler, Boone negro, has been arrested and charged with taking a space heater from the Boone Fire Department Saturday night, according to Police Officer Carl Greene.

According to Mr. Greene, the heater was taken from the department at Town Hall sometime between the hours of 2 and 3 a.m., and was found in Haigler's home.

Policeman Greene said Haigler admitted taking the stove. It was removed from the building through the front door which apparently had not been completely closed. When the robbery was discovered the door, which raises from the bottom, was up about four feet. One leg of the stove was broken when found in Haigler's home.

Hearing for Haigler has been set for Saturday morning before the Mayor.

Kenneth Perry, a native of Boone, went to work officially March 1 as the new assistant Buncombe County agricultural agent. Assistant agent in Macon County at the time of his transfer to Buncombe, he fills the vacancy created by the promotion of Assistant Agent Dick Smith to the post of Western District 4-H leader. Smith's headquarters now is Raleigh.

Perry served two and a half years as assistant agent in Macon. Before that he served a year as assistant agent in Ashe County, where he was assigned after he was graduated from North Carolina State College in 1956 with a Bachelor of Science degree in animal husbandry.

Mr. Perry is a son of Mr. and Mrs. John K. Perry of Sherwood. He is married to the former Miss Jane Norris of Route 1, Boone. They have one daughter, Debbie, who is two years old.

Six world swim records set by Australians.

Boiler Test Postponed

The test of the big boiler at the New River Light and Power Co., on Appalachian College campus, which was to have taken place last Monday has been postponed.

Due to the exceedingly inclement weather the contractor was unable to get his work completed for the testing.

Mr. Barnard Dougherty, College Comptroller, states that the tests will be made next week or the week following. Residents are again forewarned that considerable noise will be produced, and they will know what is happening without further public notice.

Washington—The National Park Service has budgeted \$3,595,500 for work on the Blue Ridge Parkway in North Carolina in the fiscal year beginning next July 1.

Only \$202,800 of the total appropriation requested will be set aside for minor roads, trails, buildings and utilities. The rest of the funds will be used for major road construction along the scenic route.

The over-all request is approximately \$280,000 higher than the amount allocated to the portion of the parkway in North Carolina during the fiscal year 1960.

Harold Smith, the park service's chief of programs, furnished this breakdown of fiscal-1961 projects this week.

Plans Work
Work on 3 1/2 miles of road and a tunnel between Flat Laurel Gap and Wagon Road Gap, \$1,011,400; work on three miles of road and four tunnels between Chestnut Cove and Beaver Dam Gap, \$1,920,000; extension of Tanbark Ridge Tunnel, \$62,500; surface treatment of 12 miles of road between Balsam Gap and Socco Gap, \$80,000; miscellaneous parkway structures (minor bridges, etc.), \$318,800.

The Park Service plans to spend \$35,000 for an expansion of camping grounds, picnic areas, minor roads and trails at Julian Price Park near Blowing Rock. Also in the minor roads and trails budget is \$37,500 for Crabtree Meadows south of Highway 26 near Gillespie Gap, \$8,000 for erosion control and right-of-way improvements between Cumber-

land Knob and Blowing Rock. \$14,200 for the same purpose between Wagon Road Gap and the entrance to the Great Smokies National Park, and \$26,000 for signs, access road and crossing elimination and guard rails in various locations.

Area Expansion
The amount planned for buildings and utilities will be used for camping grounds and picnic area expansion at Crabtree Meadows (66,100) and for boundary markers at various locations (\$16,000). In addition, the Park Service has asked in the Department of the Interior budget for \$419,507 for management and protection (continued on page five)

Alexander To Run Again

Representative Hugh Alexander announced Tuesday his candidacy for his fifth term as Congressman from the ninth district.

Representative Alexander expressed his deep appreciation to the people of the district for their support and cooperation during his tenure, and said he hoped to receive their continued help.

Due to his experience and the seniority he has attained, Mr. Alexander believes that he will be in a better position than ever to represent his district efficiently and well. If reelected, he says, he will continue to devote his full time and attention to the best interests of the people of the district.



NUMBER ONE.—C. V. Henkel, of Statesville and Blowing Rock, hopes the news after the May Democratic primary will read like his current license plate number, with the "1" changed to "won." Fredell's State Senator posed with his new license tag before heading east on a campaign jaunt in his bid for the Democratic nomination for lieutenant governor.

NINETEEN INCHES REPORTED

Watauga Digging Out Of Mountainous Snow Fall

Crews Work Round Clock To Open Roads

Highways were closed, schools let out, some businesses failed to open, and church services were cancelled in the face of the coldest and roughest weather of the season last week.

Nineteen and one-half inches of snow fell and the temperature dipped to minus 1 as Wataugas shivered in what some described as the "worst weather" they could remember.

Snow has been on the ground since February 12. On Wednesday morning more snow started falling and by Thursday morning 14 inches covered the more than four inches that remained of the previously reported 16 inches in February. The next morning another four inches was reported, and the next two mornings about an inch and a half was recorded.

Friday morning the minus 1 degrees was reported, and Sunday and Monday mornings a low of 4 degrees was recorded.

Schools closed Wednesday following lunch when it became apparent that bus routes would soon become impassable.

Many of the stores and business places were closed Thursday and Friday when employees could not get to work because roads were closed by the snow. Sunday only a few of the churches had services.

Drifts as high as eight to ten feet kept many of the roads closed over the week end and highway maintenance crews worked around the clock in an effort to get the roads cleared, at least to one-way traffic. The main highway to Todd, one to Banner Elk, and to Matney (continued on page five)



The mountains overlooking Boone were covered with the biggest snow of the season this week.

Mrs. Mast Rites Held



MRS. A. C. MAST

Mrs. A. C. Mast, prominent resident of Sugar Grove, N. C. and Winter Beach, Fla., died suddenly at her Winter Beach home Monday of last week.

Funeral services were held Sunday at 2 o'clock at the Henson's Chapel Methodist Church by Rev. Alvin A. Wilson, pastor, who was assisted by Rev. Ernest Blankenship of the Cove Creek Baptist Church and Rev. E. O. Gore of Willowdale Baptist Church. Interment was in the Mast cemetery at Sugar Grove.

Nieces, nephews and friends were pallbearers and flower girls. A daughter of the late Judge and Mrs. John H. Bingham, Mrs. Mast was born and reared in Watauga county, and was a member of Henson's Chapel Church.

Surviving are the husband, Mr. A. C. Mast of Sugar Grove; four daughters, Mrs. Ray Farthing, Sugar Grove; Mrs. Hugh Reese, Sugar Grove; Mrs. Jay Edmisten, Mrs. Tommy Greer, Kingsport, Tenn., and a daughter-in-law, Mrs. E. B. Mast of Boone. There are fourteen grandchildren and three great grandchildren.

Sisters surviving are Mrs. Jack Mast, Mrs. Nora Reese, Mrs. Dick Farthing all of Sugar Grove; and Miss Ophelia Bingham of Sugar Grove and Vero Beach, Fla. Brothers are Joe, Finley and Bob Bingham of Sugar Grove.

Single Fire Alarm Noted

The Boone Volunteer Fire Department answered a call Saturday morning to a fire in the house occupied by Mrs. H. H. Hall. The fire apparently originated from a fireplace, and damage was confined to a wall between two rooms.

Little Symphony To Arrive Here Monday

The North Carolina Little Symphony arrives in Boone on Monday, March 14 with greater attention than ever before centered on its annual visit.

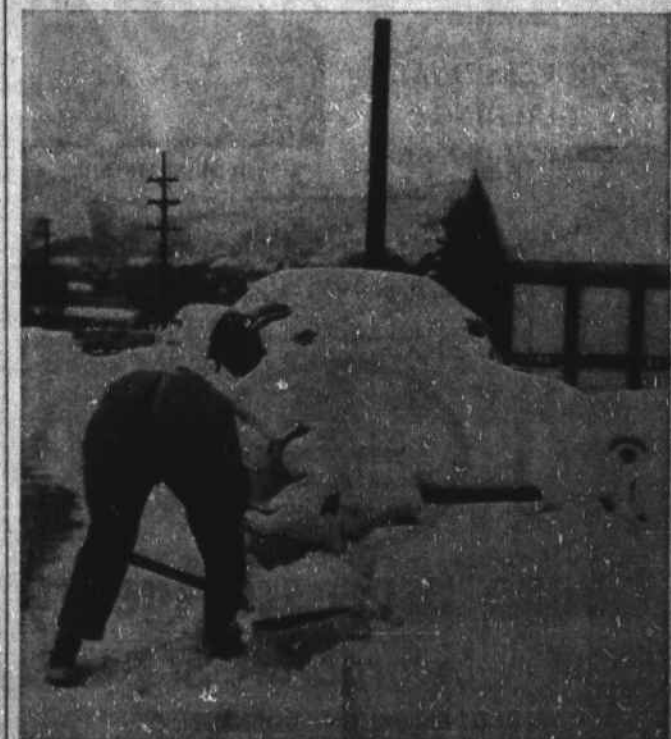
This year the Little Symphony will give its first public school matinee, to be attended in the afternoon by 2800 Watauga school pupils from the fourth grade up through high school. This "first" for Watauga is made possible through an item in the United Fund budget for this year. Preparations for the school children's participation in the concert have been going on for several months under Mrs. Mae Edmisten, county supervisor.

The public programs committee of ASTC will sponsor the usual evening concert at the college auditorium. General admission will again be sold if seats remain after college students and season ticket holders are seated.

A special feature of the evening concert will be the appearance of the ASTC College Choir in several numbers under the direction of Mrs. Virginia Linney of the college music department.

Composers whose works will be included in the evening performance include Mozart, Cherubini, Saint-Saens, Liszt, and Lehar. The numbers by the choir will consist of four selections from Mendelssohn's "Elijah."

Federal funds will be used for land acquisition and construction of the dam.



Jim Kinney, Mountaineer basketball star, digs his car out of snow.