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BOONE WEATHER					
1960	High	Low	6 pm	prec.	1959—H-I
Apr. 26	78	55	62		75-47
Apr. 27	63	52	52	.32	73-34
Apr. 28	68	46	61	.14	69-31
Apr. 29	66	54	64		68-47
Apr. 30	68	46	54		72-44
May 1	65	47	52	.24	73-47
May 2	62	29	50		78-49
Total precipitation—70 inch.					

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**MAY DAY COURT**—These girls will reign over the May Day activities at the college Saturday. They are, first row, Daisy Fox, Gail Lowrance (Queen), Barbara Winkler (Maid of Honor); second row, Betty Swaim, Nancy Houston, Jean Watts, Jeanne Belk; third row, Peggy Smith, Martha Chandler, Bety Moffett, Jewel Huffman, Crystal Johnson, Johnnie Ellis.—Carmen Carter photo.

## WOODY HERMAN DANCE ARRANGED

# Beauties, Blossoms, Ball Feature Spring Festival

### May Queen, Court To Add Bright Color

The annual two-day spring festival, replete with beauties, opera, teas, balls, movies and blossoms, will provide a gay week end at Appalachian College Friday and Saturday.

The festival will be ushered in by "Glimpses of Opera" featuring more than 100 performers. The presentation of May Queen Gail Lowrance of Mooresville and her court and a gala ball, featuring music by Woody Herman's orchestra, climax the springtime event.



**RIDE TWEETSIE**—Fred Kirby, of Charlotte, helps Miss Corry Vanden Eynden of Detroit, Mich, and Mrs. Ethel Hargrove, Norfolk, Va., board the narrow gage train, Tweetsie, when they visited this area last week. The women were a part of the AAA Travel Counselors Tour.—Photo Flowers Photo Shop.

## Council Given Area Highway Post; Other Changes Are Made

Raleigh.—The State Highway Department announced this week that James H. Council of Boone has been named Area Maintenance Engineer for the western part of the State. Replacing Council as head of the Highway Department's Division 11 will be James E. Doughton. Effective date of the shift is May 9th.

Council will travel throughout the western highway divisions, and will head highway maintenance in the mountainous areas. Doughton served as Council's assistant in Division 11 since 1953, with headquarters at North Wilkesboro.

The new Area Maintenance Engineer is well qualified for the post, having worked with the Highway Department in mountainous areas of the State since 1920, when he joined the department as an instrumentman. He later served as Resident Engineer at Asheville and Sylva, District Engineer at Boone, Assistant Division Engineer at North Wilkesboro and was elevated to Division Engineer there in 1953.

A native of Boone, Council attended the public schools there and the University of North Carolina. He is active in the Boone Methodist Church where he serves on the Board of Stewards, and is a past president of the Boone Lions Club. He is a member of the N. C. Society of Engineers and is Watauga County chairman of the Morehead Scholarship Committee. He is married to the former Margaret Hooker Moore, and they have a son and a daughter.

Highway Director W. F. Babcock said he is "pleased to have available within department ranks, someone of Mr. Council's ability, who is familiar with maintenance problems in this section of our State, which has suffered severe damage in two of the last three hard winters."

The new Division Engineer is a native of Sparta and received his education in the public schools there, later attending the University of North Carolina and Berea College in Kentucky.

Doughton joined the Highway Department in 1934, and has served as rodman, instrumentman,



JAMES H. COUNCIL



—Photo Hull of Chattanooga Times  
DOAN R. OGDEN . . . CHAMBER OF COMMERCE SPEAKER

## Chamber Commerce To Hear Architect Of Local Gardens

Doan Ogden, landscape architect who has been engaged to build the Daniel Boone Gardens in Boone, will be the featured speaker at the regular Chamber of Commerce meeting Tuesday noon, in the Daniel Boone Hotel dining room. H. W. Wilcox, president, states that all members, persons interested in the project, persons interested in beautifying the area, and members of the various garden clubs in the area are invited.

The Daniel Boone Gardens are expected to be started soon and should be completed by next spring. Mrs. B. W. Stallings of the Boone Garden Council said. The gardens are being established to propagate wild flowers and shrubs in this section of the State, and to make them easily accessible for study.

Ogden, who lives at Asheville, built and operates the Kenilworth Gardens. He will talk on, "The Value of Landscaping in Small Towns." He will speak on three phases: 1. Satisfaction to oneself; 2. Increased valuation of property; and, 3. Tourist attraction. The speaker has considerable ex-

## Paper Drive By Scouts To Aid Cleanup

Clean-up Week will be aided Saturday afternoon by a scrap paper drive, conducted by the Boone Methodist Scout troop, it was announced by Jennings B. Robinson, Scoutmaster.

Persons having old newspapers about the home or business, are asked to tie them in bundles that can be handled by scout age boys, and call the home of Carl Fidler or W. C. Richardson between now and Saturday morning and ask that Scouts Larry Richardson or Donnie Fidler have the troop pick up the papers.

This method of telling the scouts of the paper whereabouts is necessary because the boys are in school on Saturdays and the time for picking the paper up will be short, Robinson said. Cooperation of this nature will be greatly appreciated, and will enable the scouts to reach a greater number of homes.

In case of bad weather, the drive will be postponed until the following Saturday.

## Secretaries Attend Meet

A group of secretaries from Appalachian State Teachers College attended a professional workshop in Greensboro last week. Those who went were Mrs. Eloise Bagley, office of the vice president and comptroller; Mrs. Janie Gibson, office of the director of the summer session; Mrs. Jackie Williams, office of the director of graduate studies; Miss Harriet Gentry, office of placement; Miss Elizabeth Phillips, office of business education; and Mrs. Earleen G. Pritchett, office of the president.

The workshop was conducted by the O'Henry Chapter of the National Secretaries Association (International). It was held in the auditorium of the Greensboro Coliseum.

Among those who participated in the leadership of the workshop were a Certified Professional Secretary, and representatives of the IBM Corporation, the Southern Bell Telephone Company, a professor of business administration, a Social Security administrator, a banker, all speaking about professional development.

## Candidates To Speak To YDC

All Democratic candidates for county offices will be given a chance to express their opinions at a meeting of the Watauga Young Democrats Club on May 17, according to an announcement by Johnny Council, YDC secretary.

Council said that each candidate will be allowed to "air" his views for five minutes when the club and other interested persons meet at the Courthouse on that date beginning at 7:30 p. m.

There are 15 county candidates seeking nominations for the public offices in Watauga, subject to the May 28 primary, and it is hoped by the YDC officials that all will avail themselves of this opportunity to be heard on the various issues, Council stated.

"Glimpses of Opera" is scheduled for Friday at 8 p. m., in the auditorium of the administration building.

Choice selections from seven of the best known operas will be given by the College Chorus which will be accompanied by the College Symphony Orchestra.

Popular soloists from the Voice department will appear in leading arias and small ensembles. The operas chosen for the festival are: Cavalleria Rusticana, Mascagni; Pagliacci, Leon Cavallo; Rigoletto, Verdi; Tosca, Puccini; Samson and Delilah, Saint Saens; Il Travatore, Verdi.

Soloists who will be heard are, Florence Payne and Linda Harwood, sopranos; Samuel Chen and Stephen Vaughn, tenors; Susie Ford, alto; Riley Mathews, baritone; and Bud Mayes, bass.

Co-directors of the Festival Music are Mrs. Virginia Wary Linney and Mr. Brownlee Waschek. Staging and designing of sets are by students in the Theatre Production class, directed by Mr. David French.

Narrator for the production will be Mr. Rogers Whitener of the college English Department.

Pianists, Mary Elizabeth Day and Dorothy Benoy. Costuming under the direction of a committee from the College Choir assisted by the Home Economics Department.

A special highlight of the May Festival performance will be the guest soloist, Miss Alene Queen, dramatic soprano and former Appalachian State Teachers College Music Department pupil, it was revealed by John Kirk, Spring Festival coordinator.

Miss Queen has been studying at Opera Arts in Atlanta, Ga., with the well known Metropolitan Opera tenor, Ralph Errolle. She has been teaching music in the city schools of Atlanta since her graduation from Appalachian.

Miss Queen has sung leading roles in nine operas during her four years there, and is soprano soloist in one of the largest churches in that city. She graduated from Fallston High School, where Mr. Gary was principal, and it was through his influence and encouragement that Miss Queen attended Appalachian. Gary brought her to Boone during her senior year in high school to audition for Mrs. Linney in order to better determine her possibilities for a music career.

May Queen Gail Lowrance and her court are scheduled for presentation at 3 p. m. Saturday, at the Health and Physical Education Building. Miss Lowrance's escort will be Duane Best of High Point. Maid of Honor will be Barbara Winkler of Boone. Her escort will be Bob Dunnigan of Winston-Salem.

Heralds Vicky Culp of Albemarle and Betty Wiles of Greensboro will sound the entrance of the May Court beauties and their escorts.

Barbara McCool of Kannapolis will be crown bearer and Carolyn Ballard, Statesville, and Nancy Eller, Landis, flower girls.

Court attendants are Nancy (continued on page three)

## ASTC Summer Term To Get Under Way Belatedly June 9

Appalachian State Teachers College will get its summer session under way on the morning of June 13. Originally scheduled to open on June 9, the summer work was postponed for the convenience of the public schools which were required to make up the work lost during the heavy snows of the past winter.

According to Dr. James E. Stone, director of the summer session, the work offered this summer is to be extremely well rounded. The series of workshops (two weeks in length) will include those in guidance, art education, educational television, reading, piano, international relations, elementary school science, student teaching, curriculum (emphasizing the junior high school), elementary school arithmetic, elementary education, audio-visual education, high school mathematics, folk arts, English, music education, and children's literature.

The faculty will include members of Appalachian's own staff,

but the visiting faculty will be indeed a cosmopolitan group. They will come from such areas as Portsmouth, Va., City Schools; Georgia Department of Education; East Orange, New Jersey; Cincinnati, Ohio; North Carolina State College; U. S. Office of Education; Charlotte; Washington and Lee University; Florida State University; Miami City Schools; Michigan; University of Florida; The State and Regional Organization of Higher Education; Greensboro; University of North Carolina; Juillard School of Music; Bethel College in Kansas; Pfeiffer College; Chapel Hill City Schools; Clemson College; Davidson College; Longwood College; San Francisco State College; and others.

The work offered at Appalachian during the summer session counts toward either the bachelor's degree or the master's degree. Special effort is made to provide courses to meet the needs of teachers all over the South.

Special programs to be given at the college this summer include a summer institute for high school teachers of biology and chemistry, and a summer institute for high (Continued on page three)

## Demos To Hold Convention

The Democratic county convention is to meet in the courthouse Saturday May 14th, according to an announcement by Mr. C. H. Hendrix, chairman of the Democratic Executive Committee.

Mr. Hendrix is asking that the precinct meetings be held Saturday May 7th, in the various townships, to form precinct organizations and name delegates to the county convention.

The county convention will elect a county organization, and select delegates to the State convention to be held in Raleigh May 19th.

## Wilson Hodges Dies In Tractor Accident

Wilson Franklin Hodges, 43, prominent farmer of the Cove Creek section and assistant manager of Watauga FCK in Boone, was fatally injured last Wednesday

when the machine when it overturned, and died from injuries of the upper chest and head. He said he had been dead for perhaps five or six hours when found.

Besides running his farm, Mr. Hodges had been with the FCK for several years. He served with the armed forces overseas during the last world war.

Funeral services were held at Willow Valley Baptist Church, of which Mr. Hodges was a member. Rev. R. C. Eggers and Rev. E. J. Farthing officiated and burial was in Mountlawn Memorial Gardens.

Palbearers were Farthing Hayes, Raymond Harmon, Grady Jackson, Wilmer Metz, Gene Arndt and L. D. Haigh of Statesville.

He was the son of the late Adam and Addie Brown Hodges of Route 1, Boone. He is survived by his wife, the former Reba Trivett; his mother; two sons, Franklin, Jr., and James; three daughters, Janice, Betty, and Dorothy; four brothers, Conrad Hodges, Statesville; Stewart Hodges, Lenoir; Boyd and Max Hodges of the home; three sisters, Mrs. David Hodges, Route 2, Boone; Mrs. Bonnie Lee Hardison, Boone; Mrs. Van Crowe, Baltimore, Md.

## Lett Winner Speech Event



JOHN LETT, JR.

John Lett, Jr., son of Mrs. Lucille Lett of Boone, was winner of the Regional Young Peoples' Speakers Tournament at Taylorsville Thursday night. He will represent Region 7 in the tournament for State champion this summer at Fruitland.

In the Taylorsville tournament, Lett competed with four other young speakers on the subject of "The Separation of Church and State." The speaking is sponsored by the Baptist Training Union.