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BOONE WEATHER				
1960	High	Low	6 pm. prec.	1923-1949
June 14	75	59	0.0	71-69
June 15	69	55	1.00	70-44
June 16	79	46	7.0	73-52
June 17	77	56	0.0	76-54
June 18	79	56	0.0	70-51
June 19	81	51	7.5	73-43
June 20	80	56	7.4	78-49
Total rainfall—1.16 inch.				

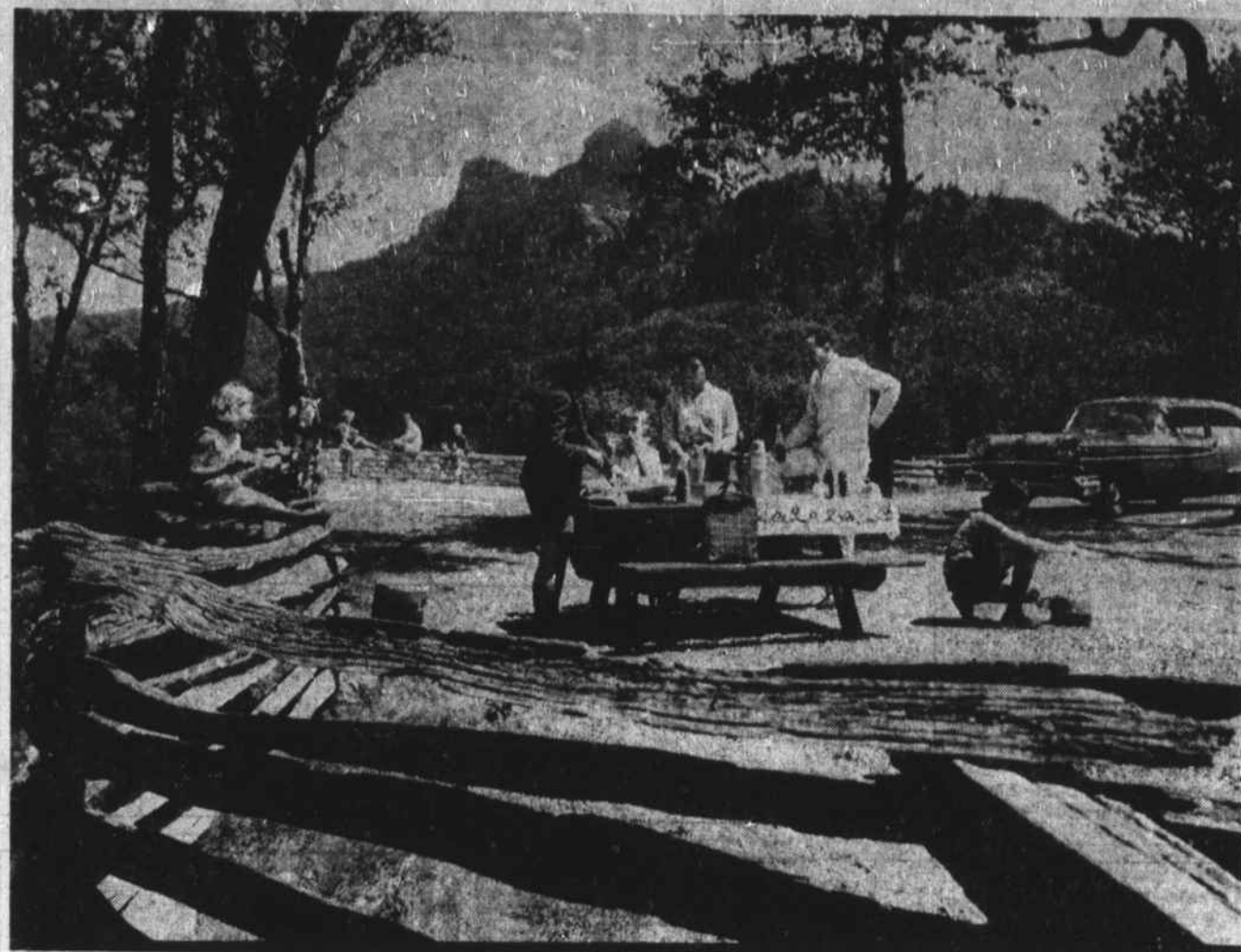
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PICNICKING IN THE MOUNTAINS.—Picnicking spots are generously provided along the highways and the Parkway for travelers.

This group, caught by the camera of Hugh Morton, eats in the shadows of Grandfather Mountain.



POLITICAL SITUATION.—Terry Sanford, left, gubernatorial candidate in the second Democratic primary Saturday, confers with his Watauga manager, Grady Moretz, Jr., center, and J. B. Clawson, president Watauga Young Democrats, right, at Lake Tahoma Lodge during his recent western tour of the State.

4-H Dress Revue For Watauga County Held

The 4-H Dress Revue was held on Thursday, June 16 in the Boone Methodist Church Fellowship Hall.

The county winner in the senior division was Ruth Ann Adams from the Bethel 4-H Club. She modeled a black and white checked dress with a white organdy over skirt. Doris Trivette from the Cove Creek Senior Club was second place winner and she modeled a red and white print dress with a big white collar. Betty Lou Stewart from the Blowing Rock Senior club placed in the red ribbon group with her two piece skirt and blouse outfit.

Bingham Gets Honor At UNC



ROBERT BINGHAM

Robert Bingham, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Bingham, of Boone, is the appointed president of the summer session of the University of North Carolina student body. He was appointed to this post by David Grigg, student body president.

Two other men from Watauga are serving on the summer school government board. They are Rufus Edmisten and Frank Payne, Jr., who are on the seven-member board. Their work on the legislative board includes making any laws necessary and proper to promote the general welfare of the summer school student body.

Bingham will complete his A. B. in English in August. He has served as treasurer of the student body, and on the summer school honor council. He has been assistant youth counselor at the University of North Carolina.

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Miss Gail Bailey Named Rhododendron Queen

Mrs. Bolick Dies June 13

Mrs. Sally Jane Bolick, Rt. 1, Blowing Rock died at the age of 72, Monday June 13.

Funeral services were conducted June 15 at Ruple Memorial Presbyterian Church by Rev. J. K. Parker, Jr. and Rev. Carlton Cox. Burial was in Reform cemetery.

She is survived by her husband, Ira W. Bolick; three sons, Lawrence, Stewart and Arnold Bolick, all of Blowing Rock; one sister, Mrs. Claude Shores, Rt. 3, Boone; four grandchildren and 4 great grandchildren.

New Parkway Link Opened

Roanoke, Va.—Opening of four miles of the Blue Ridge Parkway near Blowing Rock has been announced at the Roanoke parkway headquarters.

The new link leaves only two unfinished sections between Roanoke and Asheville, and one of them—a 15-mile segment just south of Roanoke—will be opened this fall. The second is a five-mile stretch across the base of Grandfather Mountain, N. C.

The new roadway leads from Moses H. Cone Memorial Park through Julian Price Memorial Park. It includes a 1,000-foot unpaved section over Price Lake Dam.

A new camp ground with 35 units also is open at Price Park.

First Gathering Is Held At King's X, Center Of Native Folk Activity

King's X, community center near Rominger, had its first gathering last Friday night for the playing and singing of "The Old Music." Many neighbors from the Rominger and Laurel Creek area came.

Local music makers were: Dan Luceford, fiddle; Mack Presnell and Bud Mast, banjos; George and Gerry Armstrong, violins; King's X with their two small daughters, played dulcimers and guitar and sang many of the Old Songs. They also played a "double dulcimer"—played by two people sitting knee-to-knee—made by

Howard Mitchell who came to King's X from Washington. Howard Mitchell also played a "mouth bow" (like a large Jew's Harp) and a banjo.

George Armstrong's Scottish bagpipes provided lively entertainment and each time he played the pipes young and old joined in a merry march behind him. Children's singing games were also a part of the fun. Other visitors present at this event were Cratis Williams and John Pritchett, of Appalachian State Teachers College, and their families.

The next community gathering at King's X will be a display of fireworks about July 6th, when a group of Methodist young people from near Pittsburgh, Pa., will be camping out here and helping on King's building, and learning songs, tales, folk games, and other recreational activities for use in their church work back home.

OPENER TO BE "DR. GREER NIGHT" Horn In West To Start July 1st; Cast Is Chosen

'New Show' Singing On The Mountain, Highspot Envisioned Grandfather Season, Set For Sunday By Backers

By JOE C. MINOR
Staff Writer

"Horn in the West" opens its ninth season Friday night, July 1. This year the pageant depicting life in the Daniel Boone era and Revolutionary War period, will run for two months, making its last showing on August 28.

H. W. Wilcox, executive vice-president of Southern Appalachian Historical Association, Inc., sponsors of the play, announced that opening night will be known as "I. G. Greer Night" honoring Dr. Greer, president of the association, who has been active in the promotion of the drama. Dr. Greer, a native Wataugan, is expected to attend the opening night performance, Mr. Wilcox said.

Bill Ross, director of the play, said Tuesday the cast had been selected, and rehearsals are being held three times a day, morning, afternoon, and night.

The play, to be presented in the Daniel Boone Theatre, each night except Monday during its current run, promises to be a fast-moving one, and those who have seen it before and attend again may expect a "new show," according to its sponsors. The author has completely reworked the script and the play will be different from any season yet.

Mr. Ross was enthusiastic over the prospects for the play this year and said he was "very happy" that many cast members are persons who have been in the drama before, some of them during the entire history of Kermit Hunter's historical play. Others who will be with the cast have had previous experience, he said.

Director Ross listed returning cast members:

Charles Elledge, of Marion, an eight-year veteran of the outdoor show, who will play the role of Rev. Sims, and act as narrator. Mr. Ross said Mr. Elledge is one of the best loved characters in the play and will probably be the most remembered. Mr. Elledge is also assistant director this year.

Glen Causey, Greensboro, will again play the role of Daniel Boone. Mr. Causey is a former Appalachian State Teachers College basketball star.

Gene Wilson, of the University of Alabama, returns as technical director for the ninth year.

David Culler, of Boone, moves up from supporting roles to the important role of Toby Miller, the blacksmith. Mr. Culler is the only actor who has made the transition of child actor in the drama to an adult role. His first four years in the play were in child parts.

Mary Lawrence, of Boone, who has been with the show for four years, goes into the part of the Indian princess. This is the third different leading role she has played in Horn in the West.

Eleanor Brodie will be returning for her third year. She is a junior at the University of Alabama and has worked with the technical staff. This year she will be playing the loveable role of Widow Howard.

Charles Halcs, a graduate of Appalachian who teaches in the Wilkes County school system during the winter, goes from an Indian dancing role into the important part of Jack Stuart. This will be his second year with the cast.

Maurice Stirewalt, of China Grove, will come back to the cast for his fourth year. He will be stage manager as well as the villain of the drama, Col. McKenzie. Hoyt Safrit, on the music faculty at Appalachian, will be serving as chorale director for the fifth time.

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FAMILIAR FIGURE.—J. L. (Uncle Joe) Hartley, who has been on hand for all 35 "Singing on the Mountain" conventions, is expected to be there again Sunday. Uncle Joe, in 1957, claimed in his "Walking for Health and Traveling to Eternity" pamphlet that he had walked more than 120,572 miles in his eighty years of living, and most of this was in the vicinity of Grandfather Mountain, where he has served as caretaker, gardener, cattle driver, forest warden, market operator, and various other enterprises. The mountain he loves stands in the background of this Hugh Morton photograph.

James Love Top Man In Strawberry Tests

James Love, of Bairds Creek, was named top strawberry grower in the Boone Rotary Club strawberry chain Friday, and had his prize-winning berries auctioned off for \$25.00 a crate.

He was one of seventeen boys displaying his crop in front of Kirk's Restaurant, and the money from the top crate, as well as all those in the show, will go toward perpetuating the boys' chain in Watauga county.

Kenneth Harmon of Bethel, had the second best crate of berries, and they brought a good price.

Other blue ribbon winners were Jerry South, Green Valley; David Richardson, Bairds Creek; Ernest Lewis, Green Valley; Russell Robinson, Boone; Keith Miller, Green Valley.

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Linville—Among the nationally-known groups scheduled to appear at the 36th annual "Singing On The Mountain" on June 26 will be the Blackwood Brothers, Arthur Smith and the Blue Ridge Quartet, Bascom Lamar Lunsford, "Minstrel of the Appalachians" and an authority on gospel music is also scheduled to appear.

The Blackwood Brothers, recording artists for one of the major labels, hail from Memphis, Tennessee. They have made many appearances on national TV shows and their records are played on over 1,000 radio stations. Formed in 1934, the quartet now consists of emcee and leaders James Blackwood (the only original member still in the group), baritone Cecil Blackwood, first tenor Bill Shaw, bass J. D. Summer, and accompanist Wally Varner.

Arthur Smith and the Crossroads Quartet are from Charlotte. They were subjects of a recent article in Look magazine and are perennial favorites at "Singing On The Mountain." The Smiths—Arthur, Sonny and Ralph—are joined by Tommy Fille and Carol Honeycutt. They appear regularly over WBTW in Charlotte as well.

Elmo Fagg leads the Blue Ridge Quartet who also return to this year's sing. The Blue Ridge group is from Spartanburg, S. C. and has made several appearances at Grandfather Mountain.

"Singing on the Mountain" is the oldest and largest religious event of its kind in the South. Its founder and director, Joe Hartley, Sr., now 89, again is serving as chairman.

There is no charge of any kind at the Sing. The motto "Whosoever Will Come," has served to attract thousands of people each fourth Sunday in June since the event originated in 1925.

Sanford Rally Set Tonight

A rally of the supporters of Terry Sanford for Governor, will be held at the Catawba Fair Grounds at Hickory at 6:30 this (Wednesday) afternoon. Free barbecue will be served, and everyone is invited.

Mr. Frank Mast of Valle Crucis is a patient at Mercy Hospital, Charlotte, where he has been for three weeks. His condition is regarded as serious.



STRAWBERRY GROWERS.—Displaying strawberries in the Boone Rotary Club Strawberry Chain are 14 of the seventeen boys who entered the sale and show Thursday. Front row, left to right: James Love, champion; Kenneth Harmon, runner-up; Keith Miller, Jerry South, Russell Robinson, Denny Norris, Jerry Tester, William Roberts, Joe Moody; second row: David Richardson, Leroy Coffey, David Brown, Bobby Braswell, and Clarence Wilson. Judge for the show, C. E. Gardner, and County Agricultural Agent L. E. Tuckwiller stand in front of the tables.—Staff photo.