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BOONE WEATHER				
1960	High	Low	5 pm	Wind
July 26	81	64	75	SE
July 27	77	64	74	1-23
July 28	74	66	67	13
July 29	74	61	65	13
July 30	77	56	68	
July 31	80	77	88	
Aug. 1	82	56	72	
Total rainfall—2.24 inches.				

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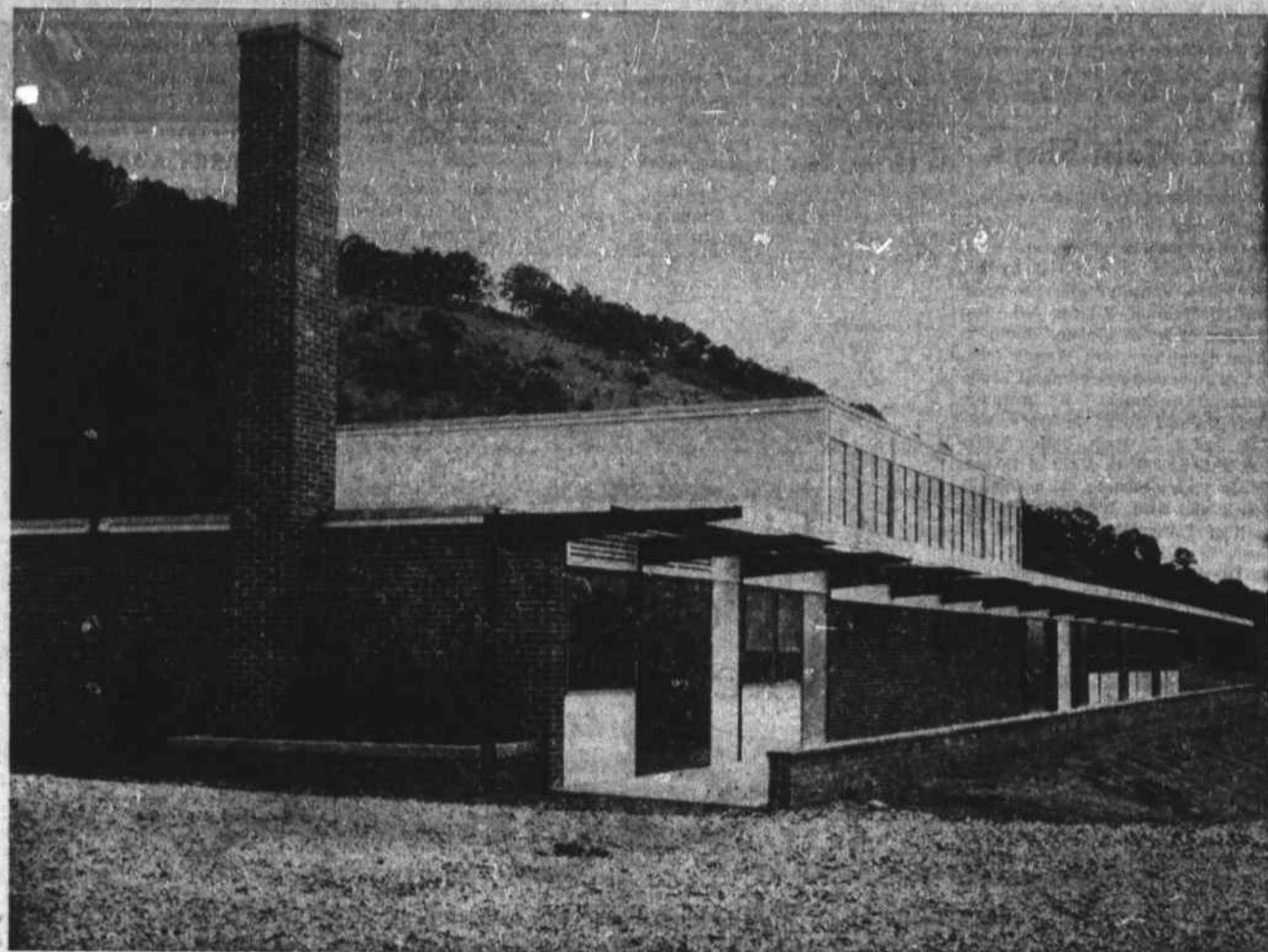
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NEWEST SCHOOL.—Watauga Consolidated School, just completed approximately \$55,000.00, the school will serve both high school and elementary school students. The six-foot terrace is covered with fiberglass.—Staff photo.

### NEW LINK IN MODERN EDUCATION CHAIN

## Watauga School Has New Building

The new Watauga Consolidated School building was completed last month, and will be ready for occupancy when schools open in the county on August 24. W. Guy Angell, County School Superintendent, said this week. Started in August of 1959, the construction was delayed some because of the steel strike and weather conditions.

The building is of brick construction and contains 6,000 square feet. A six-foot wide terrace, running the full length of the front, covered with fiberglass, gives the building a modern look, and is expected to add greatly to the pupils' comfort, especially in inclement weather.

The building is located on property acquired from the Council Estate on the Mountain Road, leading off and running parallel to the Junaluska Road. Total cost of the site, building, and new furniture amounts to \$55,000.00, Mr. Angell said.

Breakdown of the building, which measures 150 feet by 40 feet, is as follows:

Three modern classrooms equipped with new furniture, cloak rooms, supply cabinets, laboratories, bulletin boards, and chalk boards.

Two modern rest rooms for boys and girls opening out to the covered terrace.

One principals' office adjoining the high school classroom and a multi-purpose room.

One book storage room adjoining the multi-purpose room.

One multi-purpose room (50'x30') designed for use as an auditorium, play area, library, and dining area. The roof has been raised to give ample space for playing various games and to aid in providing better acoustics and ventilation when used as an auditorium.

One kitchen has been "roughed in" and is ready for use when funds are made available for purchase of necessary equipment. Adjoining the kitchen is a food storage room.

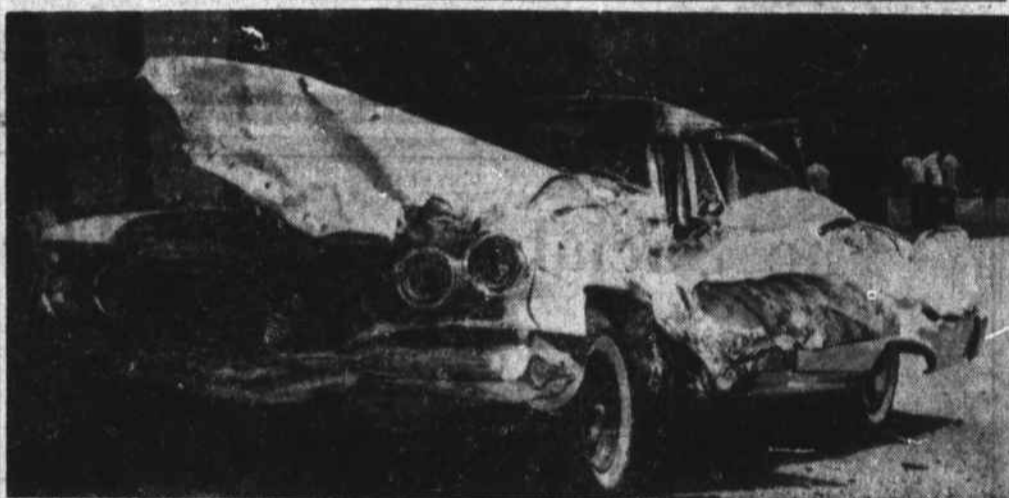
Central heat is provided from a boiler room located adjacent to the fuel storage room.

The interior and exterior of the building feature a variety of colors, which add to the attractiveness of the school.

Grounds have been landscaped and shrubbery and grass planted. An outside walkway has been constructed for convenience of students walking to school as well as to the playground area. The road leading to the school has been paved for easy access.

Walter E. Henderson is principal and a teacher of the school, which has an enrollment of 60 pupils. Mrs. Marjorie B. Lowery and Mrs. Margie Bohannon teach the elementary grades. Leroy Kirkpatrick is custodian

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Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Harvey Mills, of Welcome, died in this car Tuesday morning.

## 2 Die In Crash

Watauga county suffered its first fatal wreck Tuesday in more than a year. Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Harvey Mills, of Welcome, lost their lives when their new car was involved in a head-on collision just two-tenths of a mile this side of the Wilkes county line. They were hit by a dump truck driven by Claude Honeycutt, 27, of Johnson City, Tenn., about 11:15 a. m., as

they were coming toward Boone. Honeycutt is in a Wilkes county hospital, "very seriously injured." He was still unconscious Tuesday afternoon with a skull injury. Patrolman W. B. Teem, who is investigating the accident, said Honeycutt, who was traveling east on U. S. 421, apparently lost control of the loaded gravel truck for some reason, and ran into the

Mills car. Swerve marks on the road showed he was traveling too fast for the sharp curve, and the truck was on the wrong side of the road when the vehicles collided.

The truck traveled 250 feet after the collision and went down an embankment. It stopped on its top, minus its rear wheels and springs. Honeycutt was thrown clear of the vehicle as it went down the bank.

Mr. and Mrs. Mills were thought to have died almost instantly, as they were dead when help arrived. Honeycutt was carried to the hospital in Wilkes county by ambulance.

Patrolman Teem, who had not been able to talk to Honeycutt Tuesday afternoon, said no charges have been filed, and that the investigation is continuing.

Both the car and the truck were demolished. The car, a 1960 Plymouth, had only a little over 7,000 miles showing on the speedometer.

The last fatal car accident in Watauga was on Saturday, July 11, 1959, when David G. Greene, Jr., was killed in a one-car accident on the Blowing Rock highway.

### HOUSING FOR AGED

The Federal Housing Administration has ordered a fast start on the new Federal program of direct loans for housing for the aged. The program was signed into law by President Eisenhower in July.

Elaborate or extravagant projects are barred, but some are expected to cost two or three million dollars each.

Belgium preparing report on Congo violence.



ROBERT GAVIN



S. C. EGGERS

Robert Gavin, Republican candidate for Governor of North Carolina, and S. C. Eggers of Boone, Republican candidate for Lieutenant-Governor, will be honored at Horn in the West Saturday night, according to word from Mr. H. W. Wilcox, who states that it will be Gavin and Eggers night at

the outdoor theatre. The two political leaders will be recognized during the course of the drama. Mr. Wilcox says that Mr. Gavin will be in Boone at five o'clock and will meet with some of his friends prior to the opening of the Horn.

## ON SHOOTING RAMPAGE

# Dock Main Slays Two, Hurts Two, Kills Self

## Wife, Daughter Are Targets In Mad Melee

Dock Main, well-known resident of Meat Camp township, thought to have been motivated by jealousy, went on a shooting rampage Sunday morning, killing a daughter, a neighbor, wounding his wife and another daughter, and then ending his own life.

The dead: Dock Main, 50; a daughter, Mrs. Iona Potter, 24, of Elkton, Md.; and E. A. Ellison, 57, of Meat Camp.

Main's wife, Mrs. Vennie Main, 44, was critically wounded but the other daughter, Mrs. Wanda Jackson, with a bullet wound through her jaw, is reported as being in an improved condition.

Mrs. Main, shot twice in the mouth, is in critical condition at Baptist Hospital, Winston-Salem.

Sheriff E. M. Hodges and Coroner Richard E. Kelley said that Mr. and Mrs. Main had been separated for about two months, and that Mrs. Main had been living with her daughter in Maryland. They had returned to Watauga county a few days ago when Mrs. Jackson's husband, Kermit, a prison guard, was accidentally killed with his own pistol.

Main, a farmer, it is said, did not want his wife to return to Maryland, but Mrs. Main had made plans to go Sunday morning.

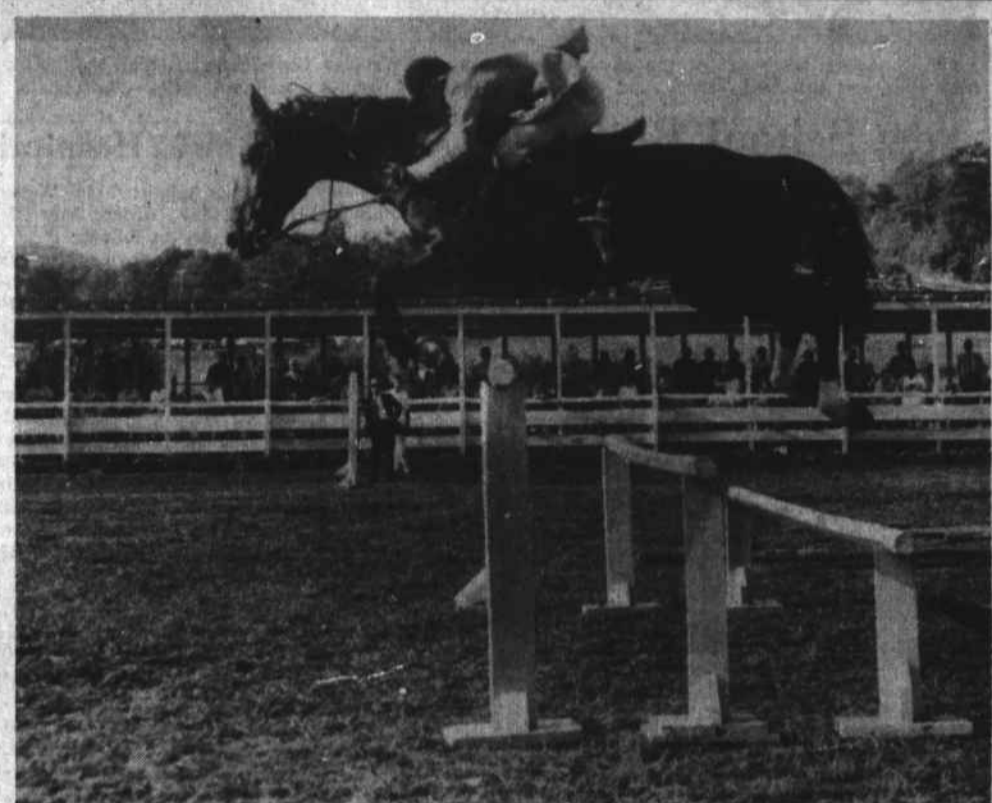
According to Sheriff Hodges' version of the tragedy, Mrs. Main, Mrs. Potter, and Mrs. Jackson were seated in a car in front of the home of Loyd Snyder in the Tamarack section at 7:30 a. m., preparatory to leaving for Maryland. Main, he said, apparently walked up to the car and emptied his .32 calibre pistol at the three women.

Main then drove five miles to Ellison's home, the Sheriff said, and fired six shots at Ellison who stood at the kitchen sink, shaving. Three shots took effect. Main drove four more miles to his home and shot himself in the head. He died five and a half hours later at Watauga Hospital.

Coroner Kelley ruled the tragedy murder and suicide. A special feature of the event will be the twice-daily drawing for door prizes. The sponsors announced four drawings will be held during the "Days," and prizes amounting to more than a hundred dollars total will be given away.

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Taking the high hurdles provides excitement at Blowing Rock Horse Show, where many of these spirited jumping horses will be entered. The show starts Thursday afternoon and runs for four days.

## B. Rock Horse Show Program To Be Featured On Television

## Watauga Days To Be Held August 18-19

"Watauga Day" will be held on August 18 and 19, according to Gene Arndt, general chairman. This year's version of "Progress Days" will feature several new exhibit categories, as well as the ones held in previous events, Mr. Arndt said.

For the first time, a display and demonstration of crafts, a bike rodeo, tractor rodeo, a flower show, and a talent show will be featured. The regular commercial and educational exhibits will be given new emphasis, if the plans of the general committee are carried out.

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Mr. Arndt, Alfred Adams. 1:15—Pet Show—Mary Anne Tate. 2:45—Drawing for door prize. 3:00—Tractor Rodeo, Howard Edmisten. 7:00—Talent Show, W. C. Richardson. 8:00—Drawing for door prize. Friday: 10:00 a. m.—Exhibit hall opens and bike rodeo will be held. Optimist Club, David Spainhour. 1:00 p. m.—Flower Show, Mr. R. H. Harmon, chairman Rural Development Homemaking Committee. 2:00—Talent show, Mr. Richardson. 2:45—Drawing for door prize. 3:00—Crafters at work, Jean Childers. 7:00—Talent show, Mr. Richardson. 8:00—Drawing for final door prize.

"Watauga Day" will be open to the public and you are urged to (continued on page two)

As final arrangements are being made for the opening of the show today, it is announced that there are already more than two hundred entries, and the earlier prediction that it will be the biggest show in history, seems well on the way to being justified.

Seven performances will be given at 10 a. m. and 2 p. m. Thursday, Friday and Saturday, and at 2 p. m. Sunday. Judges for the show will be the Hon. Harry B. Thornton, of Lexington, Ky., for saddle horses, walking horses, and equitation, and the Hon. Eddie Bywater, of Middleburg, Va., for equitation, hunters, and jumpers.

Red Overton will be ringmaster this year, and will be assisted by Billy and Lloyd Tate, Jr.

Besides bringing the large number of exhibitors and horses to the area, the social events connected with the show are given top billing at Blowing Rock.

The Exhibitors' Party and Buffet Supper will be held Friday night, August 5, at 7:30, in the Country Club. This includes the cocktails, supper, and dancing.

The fabulous Horse Show Breakfast will be held at the Mayview Manor Saturday from 12 noon to 2 p. m.

The grand Horse Show Ball will be Saturday night, beginning at 9:30 o'clock, at Mayview Manor.

Another social event this year for the benefit of the exhibitors will be a square dance at American Legion Hall in Blowing Rock at 8 o'clock Thursday evening.

J. Louis Lundean is president of the show for the third consecutive year. Mrs. L. M. Tate is general manager, and Mary Anne Tate Greene assistant manager. Read Wilson of Asheville will be master of ceremonies.

### MANSFIELD PLAN

Senator Mike Mansfield, Democrat of Montana, has proposed that President Eisenhower personally consult with both Presidential candidates on critical foreign policy developments during the election campaign.



DEATH CAR.—Deputy Clinard Wilson shows Sheriff E. M. Hodges where bullet came out of car in which Mrs. Iona Potter was killed by her father Sunday morning. Her sister and mother were also injured by Dock Main as he went on a shooting rampage. (See other picture page six.)