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BOONE WEATHER			
	1960	1959	1958
High	84	81	80
Low	58	53	51
Precip.	2.71	2.43	2.01
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## 1400 Are Enrolled At College

Dr. James E. Stone, Director of Summer Sessions, announces that the enrollment for the second session of summer school is more than 1400. Over 350 students are enrolled in workshops.

## Partee Palmer Rites Friday

Partee William Palmer, 64, died July 27, after an illness of nine months.

Funeral services were held Friday, July 29 at Perkinsville Baptist Church. Burial was in Mount Lawn Memorial Park.

Surviving are the widow, Mrs. Sarah Palmer; one daughter, Mrs. Lois Hayes; one son, J. P. Palmer; four grandchildren and one great-grandchild; three sisters, Mrs. Stella Edmisten, Mrs. Maggie Adams, and Mrs. Lizzie Walker.

Mr. Palmer was employed at ASTC for 24 years prior to his death.

## Dr. Whitener Writes Article

Dr. D. J. Whitener, dean of Appalachian State Teachers College, is author of "The Republican Party and Public Education in North Carolina, 1867-1900," a major article in the July issue of "The North Carolina Historical Review," published by the State Department of Archives and History.

Dr. Whitener was head of the social studies department at Appalachian before becoming college dean in 1956.

## Sawyer Is Given Award

Prof. G. L. Sawyer has returned from Washington, D. C., where he attended a two-week institute for Alcohol Studies at the American University.

Prof. Sawyer was the recipient of an award by the National Committee for the prevention of Alcoholism, and will use the information in connection with the course in Social Pathology at Appalachian State Teachers College.

## Story Reunion To Be Held

As in the years past, the Storys and their kindred will hold their annual reunion at Laurel Fork Church in the Aho Community five miles N. E. of Blowing Rock, on the Blue Ridge, Sunday, August 28. A full program is being planned and various members of the clan will have remarks to make. If you are a Story, or a relative, please plan to attend. Bring a choir, a quartette, a solo, or any musical number you would like to render. A picnic basket for the noon meal is always expected.

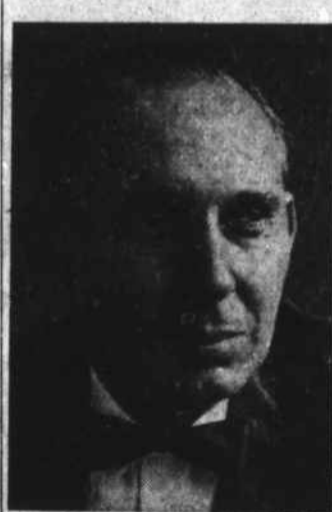
The program will begin at 9:45 a. m. with Sunday School lesson. Rev. Carl Triplett will give the morning message.

Mr. and Mrs. George Flowers and children are spending a few days vacationing at Crescent Beach.



HORN ACTION.—"Horn in the West" is packed with action scenes similar to this. Showing every night except Monday at the Daniel Boone Theatre, the play runs through this month. Shown in the knife-gunfight are (left to right) Chuck Hales as Jack Stuart, Maurice Stirewalt as Col. McKenzie, and Chester Culler as Toby Miller.—Photo Flowers Photo Shop.

## Randall New Placement Director Here



ROBERT RANDALL

Robert Randall, a native of Madison county, is the new director of placement services at Appalachian State Teachers College.

Before entering the Navy during World War II, Mr. Randall had taught at Glen Alpine and Mount Olive. After Navy service, he returned to education, becoming principal of Williams Township High School, Whiteville, and then principal of McClintock School in Mecklenburg county.

Mr. Randall did graduate work at Harvard University and then became principal of Lumberton High School.

Mr. Randall is married to the former Miss Elizabeth Mercer of Lumberton. They have three children: Bob, 16; Bill, 12; and Betsy, 8.

## Gavin, Eggers Given Honor At Boone Drama

Robert Gavin, of Sanford, and S. C. Eggers, Boone, Republican candidates for Governor and Lieutenant-Governor or North Carolina respectively, were honored Saturday night at the outdoor showing of Horn in the West.

The Gavin-Eggers Night was planned when it was learned that Mr. and Mrs. Gavin and three children would come to Boone last week.

The two candidates were recognized just before the beginning of the drama, and received a good round of applause.

Mr. Gavin said of the show that it was "the most wonderful play" of its kind he had seen. "They seem to enjoy every minute of it," Mr. Eggers said, "and even the young children watched with interest."

The Gavins spent Saturday night in Boone.

## Scouts To Encamp This Week Near City Limits

The Boys Scouts of Watauga county will encamp this week end at the intersection of Highway 105 and 321, it was announced by B. W. Stallings, Watauga district chairman. The site was picked because it will give people of the area a chance to see scouting in action.

The camporee will observe the Golden Jubilee of Scouting in America, and all scouts participating in the camporee will receive a special Jubilee patch to wear on his uniform.

Mr. Stallings said that Barry Collins, field scout executive of the Old Hickory Council will have charge of the outing. Howard Williams, camping and activities committee chairman for the district, will aid him.

According to the announcement given the troops, the boys will be cooking all their meals over charcoal. There are six troops in the county, and Mr. Stallings said he hopes all troops will be represented.

The camping site belongs to Gordon H. Winkler, and Mr. Stallings expressed appreciation for the site. Mr. Winkler has just had the field mowed for the occasion.

The boys will start pitching their tents about 3:30 p. m. Friday, and will be camped through Sunday afternoon.

Climaxing the camporee will be a court of honor, in which several scouts are expected to be recognized for their advancement in scouting. Dr. F. Ray Derrick, district advancement chairman, will be in charge.

Chairman Stallings said, "We hope many citizens of the county will come out and see scouting in action. The site should make it in easy reach, and everyone is welcome to witness the activities."

## Grandson Of Ralph Greers Dies In Pond At Winston-Salem Home

Winston-Salem, N. C., Aug. 9.—An 18-month-old boy toddled to the edge of a pond behind his Plattsford home yesterday afternoon, apparently slipped while trying to climb into his father's boat and drowned in two feet of water.

Rufus King Taylor, son of Mr. and Mrs. Alvis F. Taylor of Simpson Road in Plattsford, was pronounced dead by a physician at 3:20 p. m. after members of the Winston-Salem Rescue Squad tried for half an hour to revive the child.

Forsyth Coroner D. C. Spears ruled the death accidental drowning.

The child was playing in a sand pile behind his home while the Taylors' housekeeper, Mrs. Mary Stephenson, was gathering

clothes from the clothesline. Mrs. Stephenson said she went into the house to deposit the clothing and then went back outside for Rufus.

"He wasn't at the sand pile," Mrs. Stephenson said, sobbing. "So I looked in the basement and around the yard. Then I saw him by the boat lying face down in the water."

Mrs. Stephenson notified authorities at 2:40 p. m. The rescue squad arrived about eight minutes later. Meanwhile, the housekeeper and neighbors tried to revive the child with mouth-to-mouth resuscitation.

The Taylors have another son, Tony, 6.

The pond is owned by property owners whose homes surround it. O. T. Fowler, Jr., developer of

Grandview development where the Taylors live, said the pond is two feet deep for a distance of 14 feet from its edge.

The child was born Feb. 5, 1959, at Winston-Salem. His mother, the former Kathleen Greer, is a native of Boone and has lived here for 10 years. The child's father is an East Bend native and moved here eight years ago.

Surviving in addition to the parents are a brother, Alvis Anthony (Tony) Taylor of the home; and the grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. R. K. Taylor of East Bend and Mr. and Mrs. Ralph G. Greer of Boone.

The funeral will be conducted at 3 p. m. today at Plattsford Congregational Christian Church by the Rev. Keith Wright.

Burial will be in Forsyth Memorial Park.

## Mrs. Davis Dies In Lenoir

Mrs. Jeanetta Belle Davis of Todd, age 80, died August 4 in a Lenoir Hospital.

Funeral services were conducted August 6 at 4 p. m. at Hope-well Methodist Church by Rev. James Bayne, Rev. E. F. Troutman, Rev. Ed Blackburn and Rev. Mr. Pritchard. Burial was in Mt. Pleasant Cemetery.

Surviving are three sons, U. J. Davis of Matoaka, W. Va., John Davis of Todd and Fred Holman of Todd, one daughter, Mrs. Paul Moretz of Boone; three sisters, Mrs. Florence Moretz of Boone, Rt. 2, Mrs. Alice Moretz of Todd and Mrs. Nan Tugman of Detroit; one brother, Walter Davis of Lenoir.

Miss Patsy Ellis of Banner Elk was a visitor Sunday with Miss Marlene Aldridge.

## LOWER ENROLLMENT SEEN

# Watauga Schools Open On Wednesday The 24th

## Two Teachers Are Lost To County System

The back-to-school trek for 4,000 students begins in Watauga county on Wednesday, August 24, it was announced by W. Guy Angell, superintendent of schools. All schools, except Blowing Rock, will be open for registration that day at 8:30 a. m., and students will be dismissed at 10:30. They return Thursday morning for their first full day of classes.

Blowing Rock School opening will be delayed until Monday, August 29, Mr. Angell said. This is due to the fact that many of the students work in Blowing Rock, and opening of school with the others in the county might cause some hardships.

Mr. Angell has released the opening days schedule, along with schedule of holidays for the 180-day school term. His report, which also lists the teachers' schedule, beginning earlier than the students, and teacher and school employee list.

The teachers begin work on the two-day extended term of employment prior to the opening of the regular school term, on Tuesday, August 23. A county-wide teachers meeting is scheduled at 8:30 a. m., that day in the auditorium of Appalachian Elementary School. Teachers and principals will adjourn from this meeting and report to the individual schools for local faculty meetings and other items of work preparatory for the opening of school.

Wednesday, August 24, has been designated as "Teacher-Pupil Orientation Day." All buses will operate on this date and students will be brought in for registration, assignment to classes and rooms; fees will be collected and books and supplies issued for the regular school year. Registration will begin at 8:30, and students will be dismissed at 10:30.

The remainder of Wednesday will be devoted to faculty meetings, conferences with students and parents, and other items of work necessary for the opening of school on Thursday.

Thursday, August 25, will be the first full day of school (except for Blowing Rock). The buses will operate on regular schedule, and the cafeterias will be open. Students will be dismissed at the regular hour in the afternoon.

Mr. Angell said all principals begin work today (Thurs.), two weeks prior to regular school. All janitors will report for work on Wednesday, August 18, one week prior to regular opening.

Holidays listed by the superintendent's office are:

September 23—Northwest District NCEA meeting, at Boone.  
November 23, 24—Thanksgiving.  
December 21 to January 2, 1961—Christmas.

March 31 and April 3—Easter holidays (Good Friday and Easter Monday).

Last day of the regular nine-month term will be Friday, May 19, barring unforeseen enforced holidays caused by weather, etc. The teachers will work through Saturday, May 20.

Mr. Angell reports the loss of two teachers because of decreased school enrollment. Last year 140 teachers were employed by Watauga schools; this year there will be 138.

Appalachian Elementary, Parkway Elementary, Blowing Rock Elementary and Bethel Elementary schools will lose a teacher. Appalachian High and Green Valley Elementary schools each gain a teacher, giving the county the overall loss of two teachers.

Mr. Angell lists the following school personnel, by schools:

Appalachian High School  
Dr. Roy R. Blanton, principal;  
Lera B. Randall, Margaret Gragg, Elizabeth Elliott, Katie Jane Peter—  
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BRANDY MAKINGS?—These barrels of peaches were believed by the Sheriff's Department to be destined for peach brandy before being discovered and destroyed Saturday morning. Twenty-two barrels, 20 of them filled with overripe peaches just beginning to ferment were destroyed by Sheriff E. M. Hodges and his men. It was estimated that more than a hundred bushels of peaches were poured out, that could have been turned into a case of pure brandy per barrel. No still had been moved into the site. Shown are, left to right, Sheriff Hodges, Deputies George Smitherman and Emmitt Oliver, Dick Winkler, Wade Miller, Deputy Clinard Wilson, and Floyd Ward. The peaches were found just off highway 221 to the left of the "snake farm."

## Watauga Day Will Feature Crafts, Flower Show, Talent Exhibitions

Watauga Day will be held on August 18 and 19, in the tobacco warehouse near the bus station. The event is sponsored by the Watauga County Rural Development Committee and promises to be the best ever.

Many new exhibits and special attractions will be added this year to make Watauga Day more interesting and more informative.

A show and demonstration of Watauga crafts will be a new feature. Crafters will be demonstrating each afternoon and evening.

A tractor driving rodeo will be featured on Thursday, August 18, at 5 p. m. A dozen or more farmers will compete on a course laid out to test their skill in operating tractors. Prizes will be awarded to the three men holding the best score.

A bicycle rodeo, open to boys and girls, will be held on Friday at 10:00 a. m. This event will be sponsored by the Optimist Club and prizes will be awarded the winners. Boys and girls with bikes that are interested in safety are urged to be present and enter the contest.

A pet show will also be a part of the activities this year, and it will be held Thursday at 1:00 p. m. "Bring those pets in and show them off," urge the sponsors. Prizes will be awarded the winners.

Friday a flower show will be held. Women in the rural areas are especially encouraged to participate.

Each evening of Watauga day, at 7 o'clock, a talent show will be held. Individuals or groups who wish to enter should contact W. C. Richardson, assistant county agricultural agent.

Door prizes, valued at over a hundred dollars, will be given to holders of lucky tickets. The drawings will be held twice daily, at 2:45 p. m. and 8:00 o'clock. To win, the person must be present at the drawing.

Further information about the event may be obtained by contacting Gene Arndt, general chairman of Watauga Day, or John N. Collins, assistant agricultural agent.

Mr. Arndt said, "Watauga Day and all the events connected with it are open to the public. Residents of the Watauga county area are urged to attend."

The rules governing the flower show at Watauga Day Friday, and the divisions are given below:

- Section II—Artistic Division
- Arrangement for breakfast table—Fruits, flowers, vegetables, or any combination of these.
  - Arrangement in a pitcher.
  - Arrangement using warm colors.
  - Arrangement using pastel colors.
  - Arrangement featuring foliage.
  - Arrangement in kitchen utensils.
  - Arrangement featuring drift or weathered wood or rocks.

- Rules
- All horticulture exhibits must be grown by the exhibitor.
  - Exhibitor is allowed only one entry in a class except in unlisted classes.
  - Exhibits will be entered between 8:30-10:30 on Friday, August 19.
  - Exhibits must be removed by Friday 8:00 p. m.
  - Due precautions will be taken, but committee will not be responsible for containers.
  - Exhibitor is to furnish bottle or tall can for specimens.
  - Blue, red and yellow ribbons will be awarded if merited.

- Horticulture Division  
Annals or Plants Grown as Such
- Class 1. Marigold—1 bloom, large.
  - Marigold—3 blooms, large.
  - Aster—1 bloom.
  - Aster—3 blooms, one variety.
  - Zinnia—1 bloom, large.
  - Zinnia—3 blooms, large, cactus-flowered hybrid.

- Six blooms or stems of any annual not listed above.
- Specimen of any annual not listed above.

- Perennials
- Phlox—3 stalks of one or more varieties.
  - Shasta daisies—6 blooms.
  - Three blooms of any perennial not listed above.

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## Harris To Get Degree



BRAXTON HARRIS

Braxton Harris, assistant professor of education and assistant registrar at Appalachian State Teachers College, will receive an Ed.D. degree this month from Indiana University. He received his A. B. degree from Lenoir Rhyne College in 1949 and his M. A. degree from Appalachian in 1956.

Mr. Harris is the son of the Rev. and Mrs. W. R. Harris, of Hickory. He is married to the former Miss Trudy Lawrence of Hickory.

His past positions include: Teacher at Hildebrand High School (1949-50), U. S. Air Force (1950-53), teacher at Francisco High School (1953-54), teacher at Hickory Junior High School (1954-57), and graduate assistant at Indiana University (1957-58).

Mr. Harris joined the faculty of Appalachian State Teachers College in 1958.

## John Luther Funeral Held

John Edgar Luther, 91, of Deep Gap, died August 4 at his home after a long illness.

Funeral services were conducted August 6 at 2 p. m. at Gap Creek Baptist Church, Deep Gap. Burial was in Gap Creek cemetery. Ministers were Rev. W. T. Brackett, Rev. Wm. Eaton, and Rev. Ed Hodges.

Surviving are the widow, Mrs. Margaret Luther, four sons, Joe of Gaffney, S. C., Gurney and R. S. Luther of Boone, and W. T. Luther of Todd; three daughters, Mrs. Boss Biedsoe of Sparta, Mrs. Eddie Stewart of Deep Gap and Mrs. Win Greer of Todd; two sisters, Mrs. Bill Welch of Mt. Zion and Mrs. John Moretz of Flotwood.

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