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| BOONE WEATHER | | | | |
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| 1960 | High | Low | 8:00 a.m. | Prev. |
| Aug. 8 | 83 | 61 | 72 | 75 |
| Aug. 9 | 79 | 65 | 78 | 75 |
| Aug. 10 | 75 | 62 | 66 | 70 |
| Aug. 11 | 71 | 60 | 66 | 70 |
| Aug. 12 | 70 | 62 | 69 | 70 |
| Aug. 13 | 77 | 59 | 67 | 70 |
| Aug. 14 | 80 | 59 | 74 | 70 |
| Aug. 15 | 80 | 59 | 74 | 70 |
| Total rainfall—2.71 inches. | | | | |

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NEW BUSES.—Four of the County Garage crew who keep up the Watauga county vehicles pose beside four of the twelve new school buses the county receives this year. Left to right they are Clyde Tester, Grant Cook, Robert Hagaman and Roy Moretz.—Staff photo.

County Schools Get New Buses

Watauga County Public Schools have received eleven of the twelve new school buses allotted this county, according to W. Guy Angell, county superintendent. Seven had arrived last week, and four more were to be delivered Tuesday. The other bus is expected soon, Mr. Angell said.

This makes the bus fleet of 53 almost half new since last year, according to the superintendent. Nearly 50% of the buses, which included several rebuilt bodies, have been replaced this year and last year, he said.

All have modern equipment, including first aid kits, flash signals, fire extinguishers and new type large heaters. Several of them have tow hooks on the front bumper, a new requirement for school buses.

The 53 buses are expected to cover about 37,504 miles of bus routes per month, according to Roy Moretz, chief mechanic at the county garage. Based on the 20-school-day-month, this averages 1,875 miles per day the fleet will travel during the school year. All drivers have been certified by Joe Ware, driver improvement representative, and are well qualified for driving these buses, Mr. Moretz said.

The mechanics at the garage have been busy this summer getting the buses in first-class condition for the coming school year. Several have been repainted, and all have been checked for mechanical condition. Besides keeping the buses up, the county garage also maintains the other county vehicles.

The garage crew is made up of Mr. Moretz, Clyde Tester, Grant Cook, Robert Hagaman and Estel Culler.

Dr. Horton At Workshop

Dr. and Mrs. Ben H. Horton, Jr., left Saturday for Marquette, Mich., where he will attend and participate on the program of the Association for Student Teaching Workshop.

The workshop is being held on the campus of North Michigan College.

Dr. Horton is head of the department of education at Appalachian State Teachers College, Boone.

Travel On Bluff District Of Blue Ridge Parkway Is Record

Travel on the Bluff District of the Blue Ridge Parkway reached a new high for July, with 208,229 visitors, an increase of 4.4% over last July. All the recreational areas along the Bluff District have received heavy usage especially the camp and picnic areas.

The weather for July was generally fair with warm days and cool nights. Thunder showers occurred on eleven days with a total rainfall of 4.80 inches at the Bluff weather station.

Following is a report from the office of Sam P. Weems, Superintendent of the Blue Ridge Parkway, concerning travel along the entire Parkway:

The month of July was the greatest travel month in the history of the Blue Ridge Parkway. 1,008,343 visitors traveled this scenic mountain route representing an increase of 113,562 visitors or 12.7% over July, 1959.

Travel by districts was as follows:

James River (Mile 0 to 115). 172,493; Rocky Knob (Mile 116 to 217). 187,582; Bluffs (Mile 218 to 305). 206,229; Asheville (Mile 306 to 469). 442,039.

Percentage-wise, James River showed the greatest increase—29.7%, with Asheville, Rocky Knob and Bluffs following in the order named. July was the first month in history that saw Parkway travel surpass the one-million mark; the high previous month was August, 1959, when 910,418 people traveled the Parkway.

The 1960 travel year is still 8.1% below the 1959 travel year due, primarily, to the two months of February and March, when the Parkway was closed in its entirety by snow.

Superintendent Weems is now predicting that the month of August will see an even larger visitation figure than that for July. He also states that, if present trends continue, the travel during 1960 will surpass the record of 5,589,402 set in 1959.

Following is the visitor report for July, 1960, as compared with July, 1959. The figures in the first column represent the visitors during July of this year; the second column represents visitors during July of 1959.

James River (Va.) (Mile 0 to 115) 172,493 132,931
Rocky Knob (Va.) (Mile 116 to 217) 187,582 180,366
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Sanford, Philpott To Appear Here

Terry Sanford, Democratic nominee for Governor and Cloyd Philpott, Democratic nominee for Lieutenant Governor, will be the principal speakers at a Watauga County Democratic dinner rally at the Appalachian Elementary

Blowing Rock School Notes

Since some misunderstanding resulted from the story about the opening of the Blowing Rock School in the Democrat last week, the complete 1960-61 school calendar for that school is published:

Tuesday, Aug. 23: Teacher Orientation Day.

Wednesday, Aug. 24: Teacher-Pupil Orientation Day. (This is a short day. All students are urged to be present.)

Thursday, Aug. 25: No School.

Friday, Aug. 26: No School.

Monday, Aug. 29: First full day.

Saturday, Sept. 17: School day. Make up August 25.

Friday, Sept. 23: All schools closed.

Saturday, Oct. 1: School day. Make up August 26.

Thursday and Friday, Nov. 24, 25. All schools closed for Thanksgiving holidays.

Christmas holidays begin at close of school Wednesday, December 21. School re-open Monday, January 2.

Easter holidays begin at close of school Thursday, March 30. Schools re-open Tuesday, April 4.

Friday, May 19: Last day of school.

Noted Divine Lived At Todd

Bishop Ralph S. Cushman, of Manchester, Vermont, former summer resident of Todd, died suddenly last Wednesday.

Funeral services were held in Vermont at Geneva Methodist Church and burial was in Manchester.

Survivors include Robert E. Cushman of Todd and Bocan Raton, Fla.; Leroy E. Cushman of St. Petersburg, Fla. and Poultney, Vermont; Mrs. Cushman and his son, Robert E. Cushman, Dean of Duke University Divinity School, Durham, and Elizabeth Cushman Stiles, professor at Cornell University.

Mrs. Main, Victim Of Shooting, Dies

Mrs. Vennie Mae Main, age 44, of Boone Rt. 2, died August 16 in Watauga Hospital.

She was returned to the Boone Hospital from Winston-Salem Baptist Hospital where she was taken after being shot by her husband, Dock Main, Sunday, July 31.

Funeral services will be held Thursday, August 18, at 2 p. m. at the Church of Christ in Boone. Mr. Ernest Shoaf and Mr. John Thurman. Burial will be in Mt. Lawn Memorial Park Cemetery.

Surviving are her mother, Mrs. Cora Potter of Tamarack, her stepfather, John Potter, Tamarack, two

sons, Walter Main of Elkton, Md., and Stanley of Rt. 2, Boone; three daughters, Mrs. Wanda Jackson, Misses Gwyndola and Linda Main of Rt. 2, Boone, two half sisters, Mrs. Thelma Miller of Boone and Mrs. Shelton Hammons of Hickory, five half brothers, Fred Potter of Hickory, Dannie and Howard Potter of Tamarack, John O. Potter of Kenneth Square, Pa., and Barton Potter of Hickory. Four grandchildren also survive.

A native of the Tamarack section of Watauga County, she was the daughter of the late Charles Hamby, and Cora Reese Hamby.

SUPLANTS PROGRESS DAYS

Watauga Day Features Flower Show, Exhibits

Schedule Of Events Given By Committee

The big, two-day Watauga Day event was all set to open today at 1:00 p. m., and Gene Arndt, general chairman, said the many exhibits and activities have been planned to furnish entertainment for all. Held in the Mountain Burley Warehouse near the bus station, Watauga Day is this year's version of the annual Progress Days event which has been staged here for several years.

Exhibits by commercial firms, educational exhibits, handicraft, free prizes, talent shows, bike and tractor rodeos, pet show, flower show are all expected to be crowded into the two days of showing Watauga county progress.

The full schedule of events, as announced by Mr. Arndt and his committees follows:

Thursday—1:00 p. m.—Official opening by Mr. Arndt and Alfred Adams.

1:15 p. m.—Pet show, presided over by Mary Ann Tate.

2:45 p. m.—Drawing for door prize.

3:00 p. m.—Tractor rodeo, headed by Howard Edmisten.

7:00 p. m.—Talent show, W. C. Richardson.

8:00 p. m.—Drawing for door prize.

Friday—10:00 a. m.—Exhibit hall opens, and bike rodeo, sponsored by Optimist club will be staged under direction of David Spainhour.

1:00 p. m.—Flower show, sponsored by Rural Development Homemaking committee, Mrs. R. H. Harmon, chairman.

2:00 p. m.—Second talent show, under Mr. Richardson's direction.

2:45 p. m.—Drawing for door prize.

3:00 p. m.—Crafters at work, Mrs. Jean Childers, chairman.

7:00 p. m.—Third talent show, Mr. Richardson.

8:00 p. m.—Drawing for door prize and close of event.

Mr. Arndt said that all the exhibits will be open the entire time Watauga Day is being held. Everyone is invited to visit the warehouse and see any or all of the show. There is no admission charge. Prizes amounting to more than a hundred dollars will be given away during the two days.

Educational exhibits will be placed in the warehouse by the following, according to John Corey, chairman of this division: Boy Scouts, 4-H Clubs, Soil Conservation, Farmers Home Administration, Appalachian State Teachers College, Watauga Hereford Breeders Association, Welfare Department, Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation, Social Security, Watauga County Schools, Health Department, Home Demonstration Club Council, County Agricultural Extension Agents, Watauga Gun Club, North Carolina Christmas Tree Growers Association, and Riverview Community Club.

Commercial exhibits, with James P. Marsh, chairman, will be displayed by the following: McClung's 5-10c Store, Boone Drug Co., The Northwestern Bank, Boone Tire and Bargain Store, Greene Furniture Co., Catawba Dairy, Burgess Antique Shop, Watauga Insurance Co., Watauga Savings and Loan Association, Farmers Hardware and Supply Co., Inc., Crest 5-10c Store, Blue Ridge Electric Membership Corp., Carolina Business Machines, Radio Station WATA, Robertson's Fertilizer, International Resistance Co., Modern Appliance Co., Boone Kart Raceway.

Fred Cook, a sophomore engineering student at N. C. State College appeared on the honor list for his attainment of an outstanding scholastic record during the 1959-60 academic year.



HUCKLEBERRIES are ripe on Grandfather Mountain, where 15-year-old Jane Smart of Memphis, Tenn., has been selected "1960 Huckleberry Queen." She is the daughter of Mrs. Jane Smith who has a summer home in Linville.—Hugh Morton photo.

Valdese Grandmother One Of 281 Collegians To Be Given Degree

A Valdese grandmother, who's traveled over 38,000 miles in the process of completing her college education, is one of 281 students to receive degrees at commencement exercises tonight (Thurs.) at 7:30 o'clock at Appalachian State Teachers College.

Mrs. Catherine Smith Long, a veteran of 21 years teaching on a "B" certificate, has commuted daily for three summers between Valdese and Appalachian (100 miles round trip) to take classes and qualify for a Bachelor of Science degree.

She is due to receive the B. S. degree along with 125 others. Scheduled to receive Master of Arts degrees are 136 graduate students.

U. S. Commissioner of Education Lawrence G. Dertthick will address the 281 summer graduates. Dr. W. H. Flemmons, president of the college, will confer the degrees and award the diplomas.

The following are scheduled to receive the Master of Arts degree, according to H. R. Eggers, registrar:

Noah Miller Funeral Mon.

Noah Edmond Miller, age 71, of Rt. 2, Boone, died August 13 at his home after a long illness.

Funeral services were conducted August 15 at Howards Creek Baptist Church by Rev. James O. Prichard, Rev. Glenn South and Rev. Ed Hodges. Burial was in the Miller Family cemetery.

Surviving are the widow, Mrs. Jennie Brown Miller, two sons, Jay and Marvin Miller, one brother, Donald Miller and one grandchild, all of Rt. 2, Boone.

Lois Culp Acton, Panama City, Fla.; Julia Smith Adams, Taylorsville; Margaret Smith Alexander, Statesville; Frederick Fremman Anderson, Mars Hill; John Thomas Ard, Clermont, Fla.; Sue Evelyn Atwell, China Grove;

Jimmie W. Babb, Gastonia; Catherine P. Beale, Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.; John K. Bell, Dobson; Anos E. Best, Bessemer City; Lonnie W. Bledsoe, Dobson; Mary Walline D. Best, Bessemer City; Jane Ellen Bost, Winston-Salem; Charlotte S. Bowers, Allentown, Ga.; Alma Brown Bradley, Lenoir;

Grayson M. Bradley, Gerton; Grace Hudson Brown, High Point; Norma G. Brownell, Kannapolis; R. Rudy Brownell, Kannapolis; Buster Burleson, Boone; Claude Lawson Bumgarner, Purlear;

Rosemary Eisenhower Cabrera, Key West, Fla.; Edith Thomas

Cagle, Granite Falls; Lindsey Edwin Cagle, Granite Falls; Joe Bandy Caldwell, Hickory; Nancy

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Horn In West Monday Night

A special presentation of Horn in the West will be staged next Monday night, to take the place of a rained-out performance last week.

The contract with the cast provides, it is said, for make-good performances in case of rain.

No performances are normally held on Monday. The management invites all to come Monday, but points out that it would be a particularly good time for local people who have not seen the Horn to attend.

Over \$800 Is Raised For Garden Project

The initial project of the Boone Council of Garden Clubs to raise funds for the Daniel Boone Botanical Garden was highly successful, when more than \$800 was cleared on the recent flower show and home tour.

The response of the visiting public was most gratifying, and, in spite of the adverse weather conditions, visitors were most enthusiastic and complimentary.

The tour was off to an excellent start with Mrs. Paul Graff's comprehensive description of the Colonial relics in the old Tatum

cabin. Following this, guests visited lovely homes adopted to modern living. These homes were beautifully decorated with appropriate artistic arrangements.

Among the horticultural displays were lovely specimens of delphinium and lilies which elicited praise and admiration of visitors from Florida to Canada and from Montana to Wilmington.

For her fine horticultural achievements, Mrs. Mae Miller, one of Boone's best gardeners, won not only the coveted award of merit but sweetstakes as well.