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BOONE WEATHER			
1960	High	Low	6 pm dec.
Aug 23	75	62	71
Aug 24	77	56	66
Aug 25	75	59	68
Aug 26	75	54	67
Aug 27	77	58	69
Aug 28	80	60	71
Aug 29	79	61	69

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Action On Route 77 Delayed

Mount Airy—Two of the state's most pressing road problems near final solutions Thursday as a result of action by the Highway Commission.

The agency held a hearing on where to locate a northern North Carolina link of Interstate 77.

It scheduled a hearing for Oct. 7 in Wilmington to give interests there a chance to argue on whether they want a high or low level bridge spanning the Capt Fear River.

The commission took no action on the Interstate 77 location. It said it wanted to give further study to testimony at Thursday's hearing.

Consulting engineers had proposed two routes between Elkin and the Virginia line. One runs through the vicinity of Low Gap and the other several miles to the east near Mount Airy and Pipers Gap.

Delegations Give Case

Delegations from Mount Airy, Winston-Salem and Greensboro argued for the eastern route contending it would be shorter, cheaper, and serve more people.

For the first time since his consulting firm was called in to help route the highway, Wilbur Smith, recommended publicly that the eastern route be adopted. He said, however, it was up to the commission.

Among those plugging the Eastern route was Democratic candidate for lieutenant governor, H. Cloyd Philpott of Lexington. He made his pitch in a letter to the Winston-Salem Chamber of Commerce.

Alleghany and Wilkes counties stated their cases for the western route. They were joined by U. S. Rep. Hugh Alexander of Kannapolis, the state's Ninth District congressman, and former House Speaker Kemp Doughton of Alleghany County.

Help To Alleghany

Alexander said he felt the western route would help with the development of Alleghany, Ashe and Watauga counties.

The Charlotte to Elkin link of the superhighway already has been decided. It will parallel U. S. 21. The road eventually will link Charlotte with the Middle West, covering 500 miles through North Carolina, Virginia, West Virginia, and Ohio, and terminating near Cleveland, Ohio.

The commission, which set its next meeting for Oct. 5-6 in Raleigh, Wednesday received construction estimates for both high and low level bridges at Wilmington.

Advocates of both proposals will receive their day before the commission at the Oct. 7 hearing.

G. W. Gragg Dies At 93

George Washington Gragg, 93, well-known citizen of Route 1, Boone, died Saturday at the home, after an extended illness.

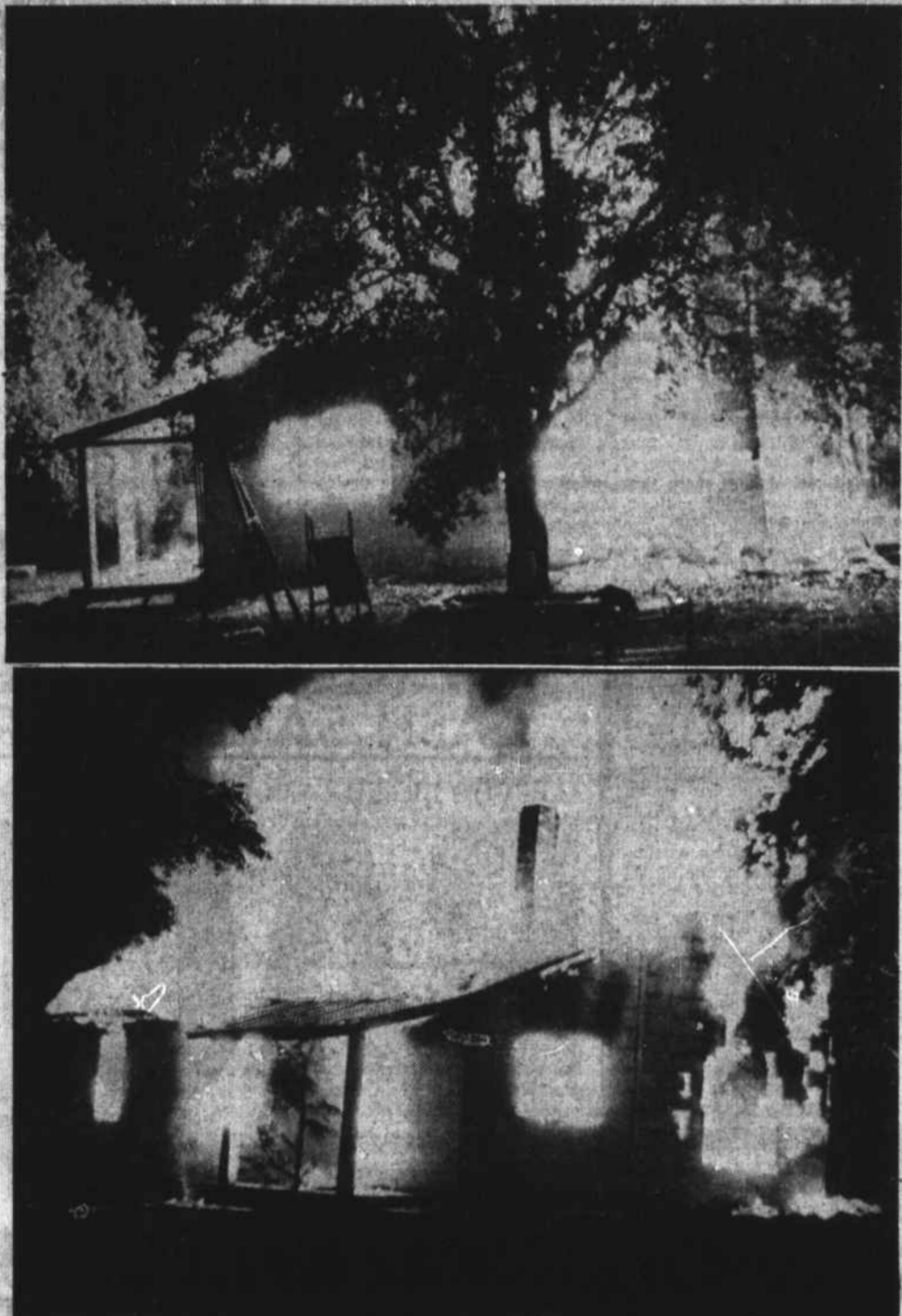
Born near Boone, a son of the late John Allen Gragg and Nancy Caroline Gragg, Mr. Gragg was reared here and spent his entire life in the county. He was a retired farmer and a member of the Rutherford Baptist Church.

Funeral services were held Sunday at 2 o'clock at the Rutherford Baptist Church by Rev. Glenn Huffmann, Rev. R. C. Eggers and Rev. W. J. Cook. Burial was in the Cretcher cemetery at Mount Vernon.

Surviving are four sons and a daughter: Milton Gragg, Route 1, Boone; Ronda Gragg, Arlington, Va.; Kingston Gragg, Greensboro; Astor Gragg, Bel Air, Md.; and Mrs. Verna Glenn, Washington, D. C. One brother and two sisters survive: D. Boone Gragg, Moore's Hill, Ind.; Mrs. Mabel Young, St. Petersburg, Fla.; Mrs. Margaret Hodges, Boone. There are 13 grandchildren and eight grandchildren.

Nursery School Opens Monday

The Nursery School operated by Mrs. Carlos DeLima will open Monday morning, September 5th. The school, sponsored by the Boone Junior Woman's Club, is held in Mrs. DeLima's home on Hardin Street.



HOME DESTROYED IN SATURDAY BLAZE.—Scenes of the fire which destroyed the five-room home of Mr. and Mrs. Tilden Winebarger on Rainbow Trail Saturday night. The fire, which was of unknown origin, razed the house while Mr. and Mrs. Winebarger and small daughter were in Boone, it is said. —Pictures by George Flowers, Flowers' Photo Shop.

Blue Ridge REA Cooperative To Hold Membership Meeting

The Blue Ridge Electric Membership Corporation will hold its twenty-fourth annual meeting of its membership Saturday, Sept. 3.

The meeting will be in the High School Auditorium, Sparta, N. C. Every member of the cooperative is urged to be present.

The program will start promptly at 12:30 with registration of members until 1:30 p.m. Entertainment will include the "Carolina Troubadors" and the "Quarter Notes" a string band and rock and roll band, respectively. Following the entertainment will be the business session. The invocation will be given by the Rev. William Combs, pastor of Sparta Methodist Church. The welcoming address will be given by the Honorable Kemp Doughton, and the business reports by Mr. C. E. Viverette, manager of Blue Ridge Electric Membership Corporation and officers of the Board of Directors. Following these reports will be the election of directors to guide the cooperative for the coming year.

There will be no featured speaker this year, but instead a panel forum will be held on the subject of "Service and Area Development." Those engaged in the panel will be: Mr. C. E. Viverette, manager of Blue Ridge Electric Membership Corporation and moderator; Mr. Herman Anderson, director of the Power Use and Member Service Department speaking on "Services offered by Blue Ridge Electric Membership Corporation;" Mr. Hugh Crigler, Ashe District manager speaking on "Blue Ridge Electric Membership Corporation and Area Development;" Mrs. Barbara Deverick, staff assistant, speaking on "The Member and His Cooperative" and Mr. O. W. Briden, director of Northwest Area Rural Electrification Administration, speaking on "BEA and Cooperative Development." Member participation will be invited throughout the entire meeting.

A special program for the children will be held in the gymnasium. A movie will be shown, games will be played, refreshments will be served and several valuable prizes will be given. The grand prizes are bicycles to a boy and a girl with the lucky numbers.

Some \$2,000 worth of door prizes will be given away this year to members with lucky numbers—an electric range, a 21-foot home freezer, and automatic washer, a dryer, and many other smaller appliances and lamps will be given away. Every tenth member registered will win a prize.

Road signs and parking attendants will be available to direct traffic to Sparta and the parking area for the meeting.

All members are urged to attend and exercise their rights in the operation of their electric cooperative.

4-Hrs To Get Scholarships

Scholarships worth \$9,600 await 4-H Club members who are pursuing certain college courses. Two home economics scholarships of \$800 each, four forestry at \$1,600 each, and two at \$800 each in agronomy and related subjects having to do with crop protection and production will be awarded to successful applicants this fall.

The eight scholarships are part of a national 4-H scholarship fund administered by the National 4-H Service Committee, Chicago, in cooperation with the Extension Service and land-grant colleges and universities. Funds come from industrial concerns that have supported the 4-H educational program for some time.

The home economics scholarships are given annually by Sunbeam Corporation, Chicago, to girls in their junior or senior college year.

The California Sunray-Chemical Corporation of Richmond provides scholarships to junior or senior students majoring or minoring in agronomy, soils, entomology, plant

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Lamb Pool At Ingalls

The last lamb pool of the 1960 season will be held at Ingalls (Avery County) on Saturday, September 10, from 7:00 to 10:00 a.m. Watauga farmers are invited to send their lambs to this pool. Please notify your County Agent's office by noon Wednesday, Sept. 7th as to the number you plan to send, so trucks can be ordered to take the lambs away.

Ministers Meet Monday

The September meeting of the Watauga County Ministerial Association will be held in Bethany Lutheran Church, James Bayne, pastor, Monday at 10:00 a. m. All ministers are requested to be present for the first Fall meeting.—Edwin F. Troutman, secretary.

Mrs. O. K. Perry of Colerain, N. C. is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Gilley.

Commissioner Crane Issues Annual Statement On Eve Of Labor Day

Commissioner of Labor Frank Crane has issued the following Labor Day statement:

Labor Day, the first Monday in September, is dedicated to the social and economic achievements of America's workers and to the role which labor plays in the life of the nation. In the words of Pete McGuire, who originated the idea back in 1882, it is an occasion devoted to "the industrial spirit—the great vital force of every nation."

I am proud to join in this ob-

Board To Ask Directors To Keep Drama

Horn in the West closed its 9th season Sunday evening with a good attendance.

Attendance records are not immediately available, but, it would seem that the attendance will be about the same as last year, even though we were rained out two nights, and considerable more rain during the afternoon and evenings that held the evenings attendance down.

Promotion of the drama was far more reaching than recent years due to the splendid cooperation of newspapers, radio and television stations, and the nation's magazines. Distribution of folders were outstanding through the fine cooperation of transportation systems, such as the air lines, and bus systems. Catawba Dairy came in on the distribution of about 15,000 to their customers throughout their territory. Through the fine cooperation of our State Motor Carriers Association magazine, "The Tarheel Wheels," 15,000 folders were inserted in their May publication. Other channels aided in distributing about 135,000 Horn folders.

The management wishes to take this opportunity to thank the many, many local people who aided in making this the best financial year recently.

Executive Vice-President Herman W. Wilcox, in speaking of the financial standing said, "It is impossible at this time to say just where we stand, however, it would seem that we might have more clear money than last year, but this is no indication that we made money. Our liabilities are great, such as our obligations to our stockholders, repairing of the theatre building, rain shelters, and replacing costumes, and many other expenditures that must be made to keep the show going."

The Executive Board will recommend to the directors at their annual meeting, which is set for September 26, that the drama be presented next year.

Optimist Club Fetes Governor

Boone Optimist Club was host this week to District Governor Garland Murray of Greensboro and his District Eight meeting Visiting the Boone Club was Lieutenant District Governor Frank Ballew of Morganton, along with ten members from the Asheville Club and their President, H. Brownlee; nine members from the Morganton Club, headed by their President, Al Summers.

Boone Optimist Club President, Hubert Inman reported a very good district meeting, and expressed the pleasure of the Boone Club in being host to District Eight Optimists.

Prof. Renata Casale of Milligan College is visiting friends in Boone this week.

service and to pay well-earned tribute to the working men and women of North Carolina on this Labor Day.

With their talents and toil, the 1,600,000 Tar Heels who labor in all the various occupations are the backbone, sinews and lifeblood of our State: the priceless and irreplaceable human resource.

Nearly half-a-million of us labor in factories. Around 650,000 are employed in trade, construction, government, service industries, and the professions. Another 650,000 work on the farm.

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GETS FAVORABLE PUBLICITY

Horn Ends Ninth Season In Better Financial Shape



PATROL WINS AWARD.—It's a couple of happy policemen you're seeing here. For the fourth year in a row, the North Carolina State Highway Patrol has won the "Outstanding Achievement Award," presented by the International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP) to the nation's top police organization. On the left is Commissioner Edward Scheidt, former FBI special agent and head of the State Motor Vehicles Department (of which the highway patrol is a part) and as turned over the prized award to patrol commander David T. Lambert. The presentation was made recently by Col. C. W. Woodson, of Richmond, superintendent of the Virginia State Police and IACP president.

ASC Ballot Boxes To Be Ready For Community Vote On Sep. 8

Baptist Association Has Annual Sessions

WJ Steer Sale On Sept. 16th

Watauga farmers are invited to sell their yearling steers in the West Jefferson yearling steer sale on Sept. 16th, and their feeder calves in the West Jefferson Feeder Calf sale on Sept. 23. More producers are nominating their cattle for these State-sponsored sales than ever before; therefore all nominations postmarked after Sept. 2, 1960 will be accepted on condition that the yard will hold the cattle. When the yard capacity is reached, no more nominations will be accepted, and those received will be returned to the producer along with his advertising fee that he paid. We urge farmers to send in their nominations this week.

Columbin, S. C.—Children of the Tall Timbers Day Camp, near Columbia, practiced their Indian rain dance under clear skies. Two hours later, when they were ready to perform, they were driven indoors by a heavy downpour.

The Three Forks Baptist Association meets August 30 and 31. The 120th annual session of the Three Forks Baptist Association met at the Meat Camp Baptist Church on August 30, and at the Willowdale Baptist Church on August 31.

The Rev. Ernest Blankenship, pastor of Cove Creek Baptist Church, preached the annual service. The Rev. James Kisselberg preached an inspiring missionary message at Willowdale.

The Association is composed of 46 churches with a total membership of approximately 8,700.

The Rev. John Gibson is missionary for the Association.



REV. E. M. BLANKENSHIP
Moderator

Rev. E. M. Blankenship was named moderator by the Three Forks Baptist Association Tuesday. Other officers named are: Homer Greene, Vice-Moderator; Mrs. Blanche Perry, Clerk; Rev. John Gibson, Missionary; Ralph Beshears, Treasurer.

Mrs. J. C. Cook spent last week with her daughters and sons-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Owens and Mr. and Mrs. Ray Harrill in Gastonia.

ASC ballot boxes will be available in the ten ASC communities of the County Thursday, September 8.

Farmers residing in these communities will have the opportunity, between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m., of voting for ASC committeemen to serve during the coming year. According to County ASC Chairman, Vaughn Tugman, this voting may be from a slate of nominees which has already been chosen and publicized, or votes may be cast for a write-in candidate.

These committeemen along with the farmers who are elected as county ASC committeemen, will play a major role in the administration of ASC farm programs in the various counties in this state. These ASC farm programs, Tugman brought out, consist of the agricultural conservation program, acreage allotment and marketing quota programs on the basic commodities, price support programs on the basic and several non-basic commodities and the soil bank program, as well as other special or emergency programs that might be needed during the year.

Persons who will be eligible to help select the committeemen who will administer these farm programs include any farmer who, as owner, operator, tenant or sharecropper, is participating or is eligible to participate in any program administered by the county ASC committee. At the same time the community committeemen are elected, a delegate and an alternate delegate to the county convention will be elected. These delegates elected by the farmers, will meet September 23 to elect the three man county committee for the county. ASC committeemen elected will take office October 1.

Tugman cautioned farmers that with the very unstable conditions that exist at present with agriculture and with farm programs we just can't afford to let a feeling of apathy affect the participation in ASC committee elections. "We must all get out and vote on the 8th!"

Visiting Mr. and Mrs. J. K. Brown on Sunday were Mrs. Lloyd Watson of Cranberry, Mrs. Margaret Winters of Huntington, West Virginia, and Mrs. Kirk Sullivan of Palm Beach, Florida.