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BOONE WEATHER				
1960	High	Low	3 pm	prec.
Sept. 6	78	60	71	
Sept. 7	71	60	69	.28
Sept. 8	71	60	67	.08
Sept. 9	80	60	70	tr.
Sept. 10	73	59	71	tr.
Sept. 11	70	61	67	1.74
Sept. 12	67	51	59	tr.
Total rainfall—2.10 inches.				

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**SIGN OF TIMES**—Floyd Thomas, Ernest Purdue, and Russell Thomas, left to right, sled in a field of Burley in the western part of Watauga County. Farmers are busy getting their crop to the barn where it will cure for some time. Although beset with bad

weather in the early season, the outlook for the money crop is optimistic. With a good curing season, according to the county agricultural office, the crop could bring nearly a million dollars to Watauga. —Staff photo by Joe C. Minor.

## NCEA DISTRICT CONVENTION

# 2400 Teachers, Educators Coming To Boone Sept. 23

## "Political Pulse" To Be Felt In County

The "political pulse" of Watauga County will be checked again when social scientists of the University of Michigan check the political pulse of America this fall. Several talks with persons in the county will be included in the 2,000 interviews the university will conduct among adults throughout the nation from mid-September thru October.

Mrs. H. R. Eggers, Boone, who has been conducting interviews for this and other researches for many years, for the university, will be taking the pulse in Watauga County. She said that persons who were interviewed in previous polls would again be asked questions for the research. Others in the community will also be included, she said. Mrs. Eggers is one of the 175 trained interviewers in the nation.

The 1960 study is the sixth in a series started by the UM Survey Research Center in 1948. Subsequent studies were conducted in 1952, 1954, 1956 and 1958 using similar nationwide samples. Results have been published in "The Voter

Decides." "Group Differences in Attitudes and Votes," "The American Voter" and numerous articles in professional journals.

Each family selected for interviews will receive a letter in advance from the Center requesting their cooperation in the study. Interviewers will also carry identification from the University.

Preliminary findings of the study will be reported next spring.

Interviews will be conducted in the cities of Baltimore, Boston, Cleveland, Detroit, Los Angeles, New York, Philadelphia, Pittsburg, San Francisco, St. Louis, and Washington and their suburbs. Other cities and rural areas covered are scattered through the United States.

Other North Carolina communities included in the study are Greenville in Pitt County, and Winston-Salem in Forsyth.

### U. S. SUITS

The House has passed a bill that would permit the Federal Government to be sued in the district and state in which the cause of action arises.



**FOR THE BIRDS**—Voyné Edmisten feeds Moe and Joe. The two crows were raised by Edmisten from nestlings and are now about four months old. Although they could not be coaxed to the College Books last week, Edmisten says they go there in the early morning where the students befriend them with crackers and peanuts. They are getting a diet of sausage in the picture.—Staff photo.

## Weed Yield May Reach 1 1/2 Million

Total burley production in the United States is expected to amount to 481,875,000 pounds, according to the North Carolina Crop Reporting Service at Raleigh. Of this amount 19,600,000 will be grown in North Carolina.

L. E. Tuckwiller, county agricultural agent, said that Watauga farmers planted 738 acres to burley this year, and that the yield should be approximately 1,500,000 pounds. He said the transplanting of this year's was delayed by the late cool spring, and that the crop was further injured on low grounds by too frequent showers during the growing season. The crop may bring approximately \$900,000 in Watauga.

"In spite of these handicaps," Mr. Tuckwiller said, "a good curing season, plus a strong market, could increase the estimated income to almost a million dollars."

## Bond Holdings Set New High In Watauga

Alfred T. Adams, county volunteer chairman for the U. S. Savings Bond ownership program, said this week that ownership of bonds had reached an all-time high in the county and in the State and nation. Nationwide holdings of Series E and H bonds stood at \$42.8 billion, as of August 31, according to official word sent him from the Treasury Department in Washington.

Of this total, Watauga county's share is approximately \$600,000, Mr. Adams said. North Carolina residents own nearly \$500,000,000 in bonds.

The report to Mr. Adams came in the form of a congratulatory letter from William H. Neal, assistant to the Secretary of the Treasury and National Director of the Savings Bonds program. In it Mr. Neal said that the new \$42.8 billion total tops the World War II peak of E Bond holdings by some \$12 billion, pointing out the steady growth which has characterized the bond program throughout the peace time years since 1945.

"These statistical facts, however, are a comparatively minor part of the story," Mr. Neal told Mr. Adams. "Of vastly greater importance are the accomplishments of millions of families in making dreams come true through systematic savings, and the patriotic contribution of Savings Bond volunteers like you in making our opportunity to speak to the club. (Continued on page two)

## AFTER FIVE YEARS

# School Accreditation Goal Is Reached In Watauga

## Cove Creek And Bethel Are Rated

Bethel and Cove Creek Elementary Schools have been placed on the list of accredited elementary schools in North Carolina effective at the beginning of the current school term. This announcement was made this week in two letters to W. Guy Angell, Watauga County School Superintendent, from Nile F. Hunt, State Director, Division of Instructional Services, State Department of Public Instruction.

These schools qualified for this distinction following an evaluation of the instructional program and school plant last year by members of the North Carolina State Department of Public Instruction.

The letters read:

"Dear Mr. Angell:

"I am pleased to advise that upon recommendation of the professional staff of the Department of Public Instruction the Bethel School is accredited. (The other letter pertained to accreditation of the Cove Creek Elementary School.)

"Accreditation by this Department is a tribute to the aspirations of the school community and to the dedication and efforts of the patrons, the students and the staff of the school. We rejoice with you and your associates in this achievement and extend to all a sincere expression of commendation.

"Accreditation is not merely a recognition of what the school has done; it is of greater significance as a recognition of what the school is doing, and we are confident that the challenge to provide a better educational opportunity for children and youth will continue to command the interest and the efforts of all concerned."

The accreditation of Bethel and Cove Creek Schools climaxed a goal set by the County Board of Education in 1955 to provide the necessary physical facilities and instructional program in all elementary schools of the county to meet minimum-state requirements.

The check list of standards for evaluation includes such items as desirable classrooms, curriculum revisions to meet the needs of the child, approved library facilities, acquisition and use of prescribed books, dictionaries, maps, globes and other instructional materials, and finally a review of the overall organization and administration of the total school program.

Six other elementary schools have already been placed on the approved list by the State Department—Green Valley in 1954; Valle Crucis in 1956; Appalachian in 1957; Mabel and Parkway in 1958; Blowing Rock in 1959.

The accreditation of Bethel and Cove Creek in 1960 places all of the county's white elementary schools on the State approved list.

Clyde R. Greene is principal at Bethel, and Lovell South is principal at Cove Creek. Mrs. (Continued on page two)



**SCHOOLS ACCREDITED.**—Students work in well-lighted rooms and well-equipped schools in Watauga County. Top picture shows Mrs. Pearl Horton at Cove Creek School conducting a science class. Students are Jerry Glenn with the book, and Shirley Hagaman holding a container with a praying mantis. The cabinets, globe, and books and magazines in background figured heavily in the school's accreditation. Bottom picture shows Miss Ona Farthing with her class in a comfortable classroom at Bethel School. Principal Clyde Greene operates the record player, one of the teaching aids used by Miss Farthing.—Staff photos.

# Hon. J. Will Pless To Preside Over Watauga Superior Court

The Honorable J. Will Pless, of Marion, will preside over the September term of Superior Court in Watauga County, beginning September 26. About 150 cases are on the docket, according to A. E. South, clerk of court, and the majority of these are for traffic violations.

The jury list follows:

Bald Mountain—Newton Holman, Raymond Parker.

Beaver Dam—Glenn/Moore, Clyde Tester, Sanford Creed, Roy Vines, Spencer Warren, Clyde Cornett.

Blowing Rock—Clyde Dula, Lloyd Coffey, E. A. Banner, Lee Nelson, Vilas Cook, Richard D. Greene, Dale Wood.

Blue Ridge—Roscoe Cook, Sam Tate, Don Triplett.

Elk—Conrad Rhymen, Donald E. Cox.

Boone—Allen Gragg, Jerry Coe, Guy Wilson, George D. Judy, Carl M. Hayes, J. C. McConnell.

Brushy Fork—Coy Billings, Ed Stokes, Jr., Joe McNeil, Charlie McGinnis, Ralph A. Hodges.

Cove Creek—Jerry Adams, Will Miller, John B. Sherwood, John Henson.

Laurel Creek—Charlie Greene, Tedra Harmon, Joe Warren, Victor Tester.

Meat Camp—W. Glenn Proffitt, (Continued on page two)

# Development Directors Meet In Boone Friday

The Directors of the Northwest North Carolina Development Association will meet Friday September 16 in the Fellowship Hall of the Boone Methodist Church.

The meeting will start at the church at 2:00 p. m. The first part of the program will be a tour through the International Resistance Corporation. After the tour

the group will assemble back at the church for the business meeting.

Local directors are Ralph Winkler, Stanley Harris, and W. C. Richardson.

Mr. Russell C. Nicholson of the North Carolina Civil Defense Agency in Raleigh will briefly discuss (Continued on page two)

# Freshman Class Is Largest On Record

The largest freshman class in the history of Appalachian State Teachers College registered Saturday to attend the college, according to H. R. Eggers, registrar. Eight hundred and thirty were registered. Mr. Eggers said this was nearly 70 more than the previous record.

Upperclassmen and transfers were registering Tuesday. Enrollment of these students was expected to reach an all-time

high also. About 125 transfers will be attending Appalachian this fall, but no figures could be determined at press time. Last year's fall enrollment reached 2288. Total this year should go 125 to 150 above that.

Freshmen spent most of last week on the campus in orientation and began their classes Monday. Upperclassmen began their work this morning (Wed.) after registering Tuesday.



FRESHMEN LINE UP TO PAY FEES SATURDAY