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BOONE WEATHER					
1960	High	Low	6 pm	prec.	1959-H.L.
Sept. 27	63	47	58		57-58
Sept. 28	59	54	56	11	73-58
Sept. 29	68	54	60	46	71-58
Sept. 30	71	57	60	33	65-62
Oct. 1	68	53	60	U.	69-59
Oct. 2	73	53	61		75-49
Oct. 3	72	53	54		72-55
Total rainfall—80 inch.					

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FOOTBALL AND CROWD.—Part of the 5,000 grads, students, and friends of Appalachian that attended the Homecoming football game

Five Thousand Grads Attend Homecoming

More than 5,000 Appalachian State Teachers College "old grads" and other guests returned to the campus here Saturday for a full day of events in the traditional colorful Homecoming.

They saw a parade, happily watched Appalachian's Mountaineers smother Elon Christians in the grid game after lunch, then many attended a coffee hour served by Mrs. Maxie Edmisten, the college's dean of women, and went to a Touchdown Supper and dance.

Appalachian's band thrilled the crowds watching the parade and later, the show between the halves of the grid battle.

Broome Scholarship
In time out for more serious business, Dr. J. T. C. Wright presented the Bob Broome Scholarship to Tommy Wilson of Mount Holly. Dr. Wright is chairman of the Bob Broome Scholarship Fund

and head of the college's mathematics department.

The trophy for the best campus exhibit was presented to Ernest Stout of Reese, president of Tri Beta, for that organization. The presentation was made by Howard "Twin" Cottrell, manager of the Bookstore in Boone.

The float judged the best was the one entered by the Religious Council. The trophy was received by Dale Gaddy of Asheville, council president, and was presented by Dr. Roy Wilson, a Charlotte dentist, 1960-61 president of the Appalachian State Teachers College Alumni Association.

Dr. Wilson had been installed at a luncheon which followed the parade.

He succeeds E. G. (Red) Lackey of Winston-Salem.

Also installed was Glenn Robertson of Mount Airy, vice-president.

Watt H. Gragg, 72, Local Leader, Dies

Watt H. Gragg, 72, veteran Savings and Loan executive, and for many years a leader in Republican party politics in North Carolina, died at Watauga Hospital Monday evening, following an illness of six weeks.

Cancer was given as the cause of his death.

Mr. Gragg was a son of Mrs. S. E. Gragg and the late Rev. Mr. Gragg of the Foscoe neighborhood of Watauga county. He was born Sept. 10, 1888.

Before he came to Boone in 1921 he had been employed by the Whiting Lumber Co. at Shulls Mills, and was in the lumber business in partnership with J. D. Loizeau of Plainfield, N. J. After he came to Boone he organized the Watauga Furniture & Lumber Co., was engaged in lumber manufacturing, owned the Boone Steam Laundry and established a beauty shop and barber shop. He was in the retail grocery business for a while and served a term as United States Marshal for the Middle North Carolina district during the administration of President Hoover.

Mr. Gragg maintained an active interest in the Republican party and had been a candidate for Sheriff of Watauga County, for Congress from the ninth district and for State Treasurer.

He was elected Mayor of Boone three times, beginning in 1936, and his tenure was marked by street extensions. Also trees and evergreens were planted through his encouragement.

Mr. Gragg was Secretary of the Watauga Savings and Loan Association for 37 years, during which the institution grew and prospered. He was widely known for his knowledge of Savings and Loan work and was elected President of the North Carolina Savings and Loan League in 1955, receiving a 35-year award from the League.

Mr. Gragg was one of the early day officials of the Boone Commercial Club which became the Chamber of Commerce and was active in all civic enterprises. He was instrumental in the establishment of a burley market in Boone, aided in the organization of the Appalachian Historical Association.

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tion, producers of Horn in the West. In recent years he lent his influence to the establishment of the International Resistance Co. and Shadowline plants in Boone.

Mr. Gragg was a charter member of the Advent Christian Church in Boone, and was past President of the Boone Rotary Club. He was a Mason and a Shriner.

Mr. Gragg was married fifty years ago to Miss Annis Horton of Yancey County. She died of a sudden illness last spring.

Surviving are a son and daughter, Major Horton Gragg, Air Force, Tokyo, Japan and Mrs. Helen Gragg Todd, Newport News, Va. His mother, Mrs. S. E. Gragg of Foscoe; a brother, J. R. Gragg of Boone and a sister, Mrs. C. P. Moore of Foscoe also survive.

Funeral services will be held Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the Boone Advent Christian Church by the pastor, Rev. Floyd Boston, who will be assisted in the rites by Rev. E. F. Troutman and Dr. I. G. Greer. Interment will be in Mountlawn Memorial Park.

STORE CLOSING

The Merchants Association and the Chamber of Commerce are recommending that the stores of the city be closed from 1:30 to 2:30 Thursday for the funeral of W. H. Gragg.

\$15,780.84 TO BE SOUGHT

United Fund Campaign Gets Under Way Oct. 17

Crucial Year For Fund Seen By Bumbaugh

The 1960 Watauga United Campaign will get under way Monday, October 17, according to Robert Bumbaugh, county campaign chairman. "This is a crucial year for United Fund in our community," Mr. Bumbaugh said, "and a real test of whether or not we believe in the 'fair share' way of fulfilling community responsibilities.

A small army of volunteer workers will go into action on the seventeenth, to make sure that every individual and every firm within the county has an opportunity to assume his fair share of community responsibility, the chairman said.

Dr. Lawrence H. Owsley, chairman of the Admissions and Budget Committee, announced the budget goal for the 1960 campaign is \$15,780.84. This budget includes:

N. C. State package (including medical and health research) \$1,763.57; Boy Scouts \$2,463.28; Red Cross \$2,308.99; Teen Canteen \$400.00; School Clothing Fund \$1,320.00; Dread Disease Fund \$2,000.00; Empty Stocking Fund \$400.00; Girl Scouts \$200.00; 4-H Clubs \$1,675.00; Crippled Children \$900.00; Children's Symphony \$300.00; High School Band \$1,350.00; Blind Fund \$400.00; miscellaneous and reserve \$300.00.

This represents a slight increase to a few agencies, a slight reduction to others, Dr. Owsley said.

All in all, it is the minimum budget, in the opinion of the Admissions and Budget committee, with which Watauga county can discharge its responsibilities as citizens, and is in keeping with this year's slogan of "Give Enough To Do Enough," Dr. Owsley said.

Killed In Car Crash

Granite Falls—A Lenoir man was injured fatally about 1:45 a. m. yesterday in a two-car collision on US 321 south of Granite Falls.

State Highway Patrolman Bill Mason reported Dean Grey Moretz, 32, died at a Hickory hospital. He suffered a fractured skull and broken back, among other injuries, the officer said.

Injured was Bob Joe Ray, 25, of Granite Falls, Route 2. Ray was admitted to Hickory Memorial Hospital for treatment of lacerations and a broken leg.

Mason said Ray's northbound car and Moretz's collided nearly head-on about 600 feet south of the intersection of US 221 and 221-A.

Freed From Wreckage
The Lovelady Rescue Squad of (continued on page four)



VISITS SHINTO TEMPLE.—Pausing under a traditional torii gate, Miss Evelyn Matheson of Vilas admires a stone at the entrance to a Shinto temple near Camp Zama, Japan, on her way to a Red Cross clubmobile post in Korea.

Vilas Woman Works For Korea Red Cross

Seoul, Korea.—From college to Korea—that's the fast moving story of Miss Evelyn Matheson of Vilas, N. C.

The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gardner D. Matheson of Vilas was graduated from the Woman's College of the University of North Carolina at Greensboro only last June. Now she's in Korea for a year's tour with the American Red Cross clubmobile program.

She is one of more than 40 Red Cross clubmobile girls who make daily trips into isolated areas of Korea to bring recreation programs to remote U. S. military units. Miss Matheson is assigned to the 1st Cavalry Division clubmobile unit, headquartered only a few miles below the Demilitarized Zone dividing North and South Korea.

Traveling the rough Korean terrain in Army three-quarter-ton trucks, each two girl Red Cross team covers from four to six military units per day, offering at each stop a series of fast-paced quizzes, contests, and games.

Before being assigned to Korea,

Broker To Speak Here

The monthly meeting of the Chamber of Commerce will be held in the dining room of the Daniel Boone Hotel, next Tuesday, Oct. 11th at 12:00 o'clock.

Mr. Bill Hensley, director of public relations and advertising of R. S. Dickson and Co. of Charlotte will be the speaker. He is a former FBI agent and previous to his joining R. S. Dickson and Co., he was director of sports publicity for North Carolina State College in Raleigh. Mr. Hensley will be accompanied by Mr. William E. Cox, registered representative of Dickson.

Have you often wondered how the stock markets work, what is the best procedure in investing, etc.? If so, you should plan to attend.

Announcement regarding the annual County-City meeting will be made.

Would you like to sponsor a "Trade in Boone" fall promotion in connection with the tobacco market? Come and express yourself.

Horn To Blow Again; Dr. Greer Re-Elected

Horn in the West will be presented again next year, it was decided at the annual meeting of the Southern Appalachian Historical Association.

State Auditor Henry Bridges brought his report on the drama, and indicated that, considering all factors, the drama had a good year. However he reported a deficit of a little more than \$14,000.

The president, Dr. I. G. Greer, was re-elected. Other officers elected are:

Herman W. Wilcox, Executive Vice-President; J. V. Caudill, Vice-President; O. K. Richardson, Treasurer.

Dr. Kermit Hunter, author of the Horn, addressed the group, outlining the present international situation, and what we must do to halt the invading forces of sin and communism.

"It's time for us to return to God," the speaker said, adding, "that is where our strength lies." He cited the sinister impact from filthy literature, impact other inherent activities.

Those attending the Horn, the speaker indicated, will note the spiritual trend of the drama and its teaching of a faith that is presently needed. "If you believe in freedom," he said, "and wonder how you secured that freedom, you should see this great moving drama. It's in scenes that are enacted in this drama that will show you the turning point of America."

Dr. Hunter lauded the Horn for its impact on the economy of the region, and quoted Governor Hodges as saying that the State had doubled every dollar it has invested in the outdoor dramas in the State.

Special guests from Raleigh included Mr. and Mrs. D. S. Coltrane, Frank Turner, and Mrs. Kermit Hunter.

Herman W. Wilcox, the Executive Vice-President, gave the report of the Association, and acknowledged the cooperation of the people of the community during the past season.

Alexander To Visit County

Kannapolis—Congressman Hugh Alexander announced today that he plans to visit Watauga County and will be pleased to see anyone who wishes to contact him to discuss Federal legislation, or to assist his constituents with any problem involving Federal agencies or any problem in which they may be interested, concerning which he may be able to be helpful.

Mr. Alexander said he hopes to have the pleasure of seeing many of his friends and constituents when he visits the post office in each community in Watauga County in accordance with the following schedule:

Tuesday, October 11, 1960—Blowing Rock, 9:00 a.m.; Boone, 9:45 a.m.; Vilas, 10:30 a.m.; Valle Crucis, 11:15 a.m.; Sugar Grove, 12:00 noon.

Zionville, 1:30 p.m.; Tamarack, 2:15 p.m.; Reese, 3:30 p.m.; Rominger, 4:45 p.m.; Triplett, 6:15 p.m.; and Deep Gap, 7:15 p.m.

LAG ON JUDGES

Attorney General William P. Rogers has said that the Administration was deeply concerned over the failure of Congress to create additional Federal judgeships.

Mr. Rogers was addressing a closed session of the Judicial Conference of the United States, which has been recommending more judgeships since 1954. The conference is on record as favoring fifty-four additional judgeships, a figure endorsed by the Justice Department.

Visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Cook Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. Olin Hamrick and Debbie of Morganton, Mrs. Robert Miller, Mrs. Frank Angel, Mr. and Mrs. Truman Robbins and Alice Marie of Pineola, Mrs. Helen Todd of Hampton, Virginia, was a dinner guest of the Cooks on Sunday.



HOMEcoming PARADE.—No parade is complete without a "queen." "Miss Watauga County," Miss Jean Watts, Appalachian student, helps the Homecoming queen beautify the parade through Boone Saturday



morning. Appalachian High School Band follows with its majorettes leading. Second picture shows banker Alfred Adams trying to keep his "hot rod" cool by pouring water into the radiator as the parade



progressed. He hadn't banked on needing so much water and only had a pitcher. Third photo shows a line of ancient and near-ancient models depicting the "Appalachian Graduates through the Years."