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BOONE WEATHER				
1960	High	Low	2 pm. prec.	1959--54
Oct. 4	69	52	63	79
Oct. 5	63	47	50	60
Oct. 6	70	57	51	60
Oct. 7	63	51	55	72
Oct. 8	57	54	54	67
Oct. 9	66	52	58	72
Oct. 10	65	55	55	65

Total rainfall—1.66 inches.

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**FALL COLOR**—The brilliant colors of Autumn, speeded along by frosty flights, is fast reaching its best at the higher elevations of the Blue Ridge and Great Smokies. Nearby Grandfather Mountain is the maple-covered showcase for this little girl and her dog, who are taking in the display that is expected to last through this month.—Hugh Morton photo.

## Flashes Of Crimson And Gold Herald Nature's Greatest Show In Mountains

### SEVERAL ARE INJURED

# 7 Crashes Reported

A series of seven wrecks last week in Watauga county caused several injuries and property damage. George E. Baker, State Highway Patrolman, gave these accounts of the accidents which he investigated.

On Wednesday evening, at 9:40 o'clock, a car operated by Charles Coffey, Route 4, Boone, was traveling east on N. C. 1201, near Bethel community, turned over on its top after failing to negotiate a curve. Four persons were in the Buick convertible, but no one was injured. According to the report, Coffey lost control of the car after it hit gravel on the side of the road, hitting a bank before turning on its top. Damage to the vehicle was approximately \$400. Coffey was charged with improper turning.

Thursday morning, at 8:45 o'clock, Lacy Admes Church, Route 1, Deep Gap, was operating a Ford truck owned by Mary Watson Trivette, Deep Gap, Route 1, when he skidded into a 1957 Ford operated by Edgar Brown Hardin, Route 1, Boone. Patrolman Baker's report showed that Church was traveling west on U. S. 421 toward Boone at Laxon. As he came around the sharp curve there, he attempted to avoid hitting the Brown car, which was turning right into N. C. 1355, the Height Hollar road.

No injuries were suffered and slight property damage was done. No charges were filed.

Mrs. Bessie Ward, route 1, Sugar Grove, was driving a 1960 Corvair when it turned over on its top at the prison camp intersection of U. S. 421. According to Mr. Baker, Mrs. Ward was coming out of the old 421 into U. S. 421 and made a right turn. She failed to turn back into the highway and went over an embankment and turned over. The car was not too badly damaged, and no injury was noted. No charge was preferred. This accident happened Thursday at 3:50 p. m.

A two-car accident on U. S. 421 west of Boone, at Walker Tractor and Implement Co., caused property damage of about \$150. Mr. Baker's report showed that Wiley Louis Stanberry, route 1, Villas, was traveling east on 421 in a Ford pickup when he attempted to pass a Chevrolet operated by Pauline Snyder Hayes, route 1, Villas. The Hayes woman was turning left into the Brown Cemetery road. Stanberry was charged with

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### Lucktenbergs, Noted Musicians, Will Appear Here

Jerrie and George Lucktenberg, violinist and harpsichordist, will play at the Fine Arts Auditorium on the ASTC campus on Monday evening, October 17. This is the program scheduled earlier but postponed on account of illness.

Jerrie Lucktenberg, trained in the best American schools and in Vienna, will perform three numbers, accompanied by her husband. Her instrument is a very fine Stradivarius dating from 1718.

George Lucktenberg is one of the American artists who is leading in a revival of interest in the harpsichord. His instrument was made to his specifications by a leading German specialist in the manufacture of harpsichords.

The young artists will play a demanding program including works by Tartini, Couperin, Scarlatti, Beethoven, and Ginastera.

General admission will be sold, provided seats are left after students and season ticket holders are seated.

### FIRE FIZZLED OUT

Tucson, Ariz.—When her car caught fire in Tucson, Mrs. Fred Boyd did not panic. She stopped at a service station, bought a bottle of soda pop, and put out the fire with it.

## Hereford Breeders Enjoy Annual Sale

The Watauga Purebred Hereford Breeders sold 62 lots for \$10,632.50 in their 18th annual sale at Boone on October 8.

H. Grady Farthing topped the sale at \$360.00 with a young bull that Judge Hayes Gregory had topped for the champion bull in the pre-sale show. Diamond S. Ranch sold two bulls for \$305.00 each for next highest price. Diamond S. Ranch sold a bred heifer for \$250.00 which was the top price in the heifer class.

Grady Farthing won the trophy awarded by Northwestern bank for

### Boone Land Bank Given Signal Honor

Washington, D. C., Oct. 5—The Federal Land Bank Association of Boone, North Carolina, was unanimously elected to membership in the American Institute of Cooperation, The National Educational and Research Agency for farm business organizations, at the A. I. C. annual meeting at the University of California, Berkeley, according to an announcement by J. K. Stern, institute president.

The A. I. C. is chartered as a University in the District of Columbia and meets each August at a land-grant college.

Officers and directors of the Federal Land Bank Assn. of Boone have been invited to participate in educational activities of the institute and to attend the 1961 meeting at the University of Minnesota, Minneapolis-St. Paul, Aug. 20-23. This is the largest annual conference on farm business problems and draws over 3,000 farm business leaders, university and government, farm and marketing specialists, farm credit men, and rural educational workers, including 1,200 rural members of youth organizations and young farmers.

The name of John H. Hollar, manager, has been entered on the register of the institute as the local representative.

the best three sale calves sired by one bull. Mr. Farthing's bull is BBR Victor Plato 1st. Second place in this class went to Council Henson, Dave Minton and M. M. Hodges on the Get of M. Zato Heir 1st.

The reserve champion bull was shown by Council Henson, Boone. The champion cow was shown by Council Henson of Boone and the reserve cow by Grady Farthing.

The Herefords were sold into four states, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee and West Virginia.

### By MIRIAM RABB

### Flashes of crimson and gold in "The Land of the Sky" are signaling the opening of one of the greatest shows on earth: autumn foliage in the mountains of Western North Carolina.

Visitors should keep in mind that the color show moves from high altitudes down the mountain slopes and across the valleys, and that the earlier they visit the mountains, the higher the altitudes they should visit for a preview of the brilliant foliage patterns which decorate the entire region through October and last into November at many points.

Reports from the Great Smoky Mountains National Park, Blue Ridge Parkway, and Pisgah and Nantahala National Forests indicate that this will be a good color year, with the big show on stage around October 10 at altitudes above 4,000 feet, and the peak of the general color display beginning around October 15.

"Indications are that the leaf coloration in the Great Smokies will be very good this fall", says Fred J. Overly, superintendent of the Great Smoky Mountains National Park. Color at higher elevations in the Park is expected to be at its best between now and October 15. At lower elevations in the Park, peak coloration is usually between October 15 and 25.

Blue Ridge Parkway rangers report splashes of color along the entire Parkway between Linville and Asheville, with birches and maples turning, and the vivid red berries of mountain ash outstanding this year at Craggy Gardens and the Wagon Road Gap-Beech Gap section of the Parkway. Gum, maples and sourwoods are showing color at altitudes above 3,000 feet along the Parkway between Blowing Rock and the Virginia line.

Some of the best points for viewing color in the Great Smokies right now are higher sections of U. S. 441, the Clingman's Dome Road, and the road between Mile-High Overlook and Heintooza Overlook. One of the brightest displays along U. S. 64 through the Sapphire Country at present is between Highlands and Cashiers.

### Grandfather Display

Brought on by cool autumn nights, the annual display of color has begun at Grandfather Mountain at the highest elevation of the Blue Ridge mountains.

Present indications are that maximum beauty of all colors will be October 15-25.

Color starts at the peaks and gradually descends into the valleys of the mountains. The vivid array annually attracts many visitors to the Southern highlands throughout October.

# Registration Books Will Open Here On Saturday

## List Of Officials Is Given To Aid Voters

Registration books for the November general election will open Saturday, October 15th, at the various polling places in the county, and will remain open until sundown, October 29th.

Registrars will be at the various polling places each Saturday, October 15, 22, and 29th, from 9 a.m. until sunset.

There is no general new registration but all those who haven't previously voted in a general election and who have become qualified by reaching 21 or under the residence statute will have to register.

Those seeking to register must be 21 years old, must have lived in the State of North Carolina for one year and in the precinct in which they desire to vote for 30 days prior to the election.

- The list of the registrars follows:
- Bald Mountain Township: Glenn Howell.
  - Beaver Dam: Claude W. Wilson.
  - Blowing Rock: Daniel A. Klutz.
  - Blue Ridge: Rodney C. Greene.
  - Boone: G. E. Luther.
  - Brushy Fork: M. J. Williams.
  - Cove Creek: Hight Williams.
  - Elk: Inez Todd.
  - Laurel Creek: Gilbert Edmisten.
  - Meat Camp: Fred W. Winebarger.
  - Meat Camp No. 2: Luther Moritz.
  - New River: Grady Greer.
  - North Fork: Walter South.
  - Shawneehaw: Edward Chappel.
  - Stony Fork: E. B. Hardin.
  - Watauga: Arlie B. Hodges.

## Gavin Will Speak Here

A Republican rally is to be held at the courthouse in Boone Wednesday October 26th at 7:30 p. m. It is announced by B. H. Watson, chairman of the Republican Executive Committee of Watauga county, who states that Hon. Robert Gavin, Republican candidate for Governor of North Carolina, will deliver the address.

Mr. Watson extends an invitation to all voters of Watauga county to attend this meeting.

It is also stated that Republican headquarters are now open over the Parkway Hardware Co. in Boone. The telephone number is AM 4-3580.

### ARMS SPENDING REVISED

The Defense Department has announced that \$107,000,000 would be added to the Polaris submarine missile program.

The department also said it would spend \$33,800,000 more to speed development of the Samos reconnaissance satellite and indicated that a decision was imminent to accelerate development and construction of the B-70 supersonic bomber.

## Absentee Ballots Now Being Issued

Applications for civilian absentee ballots are now being accepted by the Watauga County Board of Elections, J. D. Winebarger, chairman, says.

The Elections Board office is located on the ground floor of the Colvard building on North Depot Street, and limited parking has been provided by the Police Department for the convenience of those who have business at the office.



**PARKWAY ROBBERY**—Sheriff E. M. Hodges and Principal James Greene survey littered office floor left by robber at Parkway School Thursday night. Items taken, worth more than a thousand dollars, were recovered on Parkway and in Greenville, S. C., after police picked up man who admitted to theft when caught trying to dispose of stolen goods.—Staff Photo Joe C. Minor.

## Man Who Robbed Local School Is Captured In South Carolina

### Marsh Gets Position At Savings & Loan

James Marsh, well-known banker and civic leader has been chosen Secretary-Treasurer of the Watauga Savings & Loan Association, succeeding the late W. H. Gragg.

Mr. Marsh has been with the Northwestern Bank in Boone for fifteen years. He is well known to the people of Boone and Watauga county for his work as a layman in his church and for the many civic projects in which he has participated.

He has been active in Chamber



JAMES MARSH

### YDC To Meet Next Tuesday

The Young Democratic Club of Watauga county is sponsoring a political meeting at Green Valley School Tuesday of next week at 7:30 p. m., according to J. B. Clawson, Jr., President.

The candidates for county office will be present to speak and to answer questions. A full attendance of the voters is asked.

The YDC had a meeting at Parkway School Tuesday evening which was well attended. Congressman Alexander was present.

Plant City, Fla.—A daughter born to Mrs. George Friend while Hurricane Donna battered Plant City, has been named Donna Gale.

of Commerce work for many years and has served the organization as Treasurer and as Chairman of many committees. He was Treasurer of the Southern Appalachian Historical Association for five years and Executive Vice-President for three years. He has been a member of the Executive Committee of the young bankers' division of the North Carolina Bankers Association, a member of the Board of Directors of the Western North Carolina Division of the National Association of Bank Auditors and Comptrollers, Treasurer of the United Fund for one year, Treasurer and member of the Board of directors of the Boone Rotary Club for three years, and Chairman of the commercial displays of Watauga Progress Days this year.

Mr. Marsh is a member of the First Baptist Church of Boone, where he serves as a member of the Board of Deacons, Church Treasurer, Assistant Superintendent of the Young Adult department, member of the Finance Committee and on the long-range study and planning committee of the church. He also taught the thirteen year old boys for nine years.

Mr. Marsh was educated locally and has been active in fund raising affairs for the College, High and Elementary Schools.

He is married to the former Miss Alma Ruth Hagaman, and they reside at 303 Hardin Street. They have four sons, Jimmy, Randy, Lesley and Ronnie.

Quick thinking on the part of a Greenville, S. C., pawn broker Friday led to the capture of the man who admitted to breaking into Parkway School Thursday night where he stole articles valued at more than a thousand dollars.

According to Watauga County Sheriff E. M. Hodges and James Greene, principal of Parkway, who went to Greenville Saturday to identify and claim the stolen items, Floyd Gillard, 29, of Bristol, Tenn., admitted he broke in the Watauga School Thursday night and took a typewriter, adding machine, movie projector and screen. He said time of entry was around 10 p. m.

The break-in was discovered by J. R. Gentry, school custodian, when he reported to work at 5 a. m. Friday. Gentry had worked until 9 p. m. Thursday, cleaning and buffing the school floors. He reported the theft to authorities and it was found that the robber had cut a wire fence between the school and the Parkway picnic grounds so that he could place the stolen goods in a car parked in the picnic area.

Entry to the school was gained by knocking a hole about the size of a fifty-cent piece in a library window and lifting the latch with a screwdriver of some like instrument. The robber then crawled through the window into the library where he took the projector and screen, which had been in use. In removing these items he knocked the shades off several light fixtures.

A buffer, kept in the supply room next to library, was carried to Principal Greene's office and used as a ladder to reach an overhead transom to the office. A typewriter and adding machine were taken from the office, and papers and empty money bags were scattered over the floor.

The main door near the office had been unlocked from the inside and it was this that led Mr. Gentry to discover the break-in. It was theorized the robber went out this door to carry his loot. Footprints on the freshly buffed floor seemed to prove this theory.

After leaving Parkway School, Gillard told Sheriff Hodges and Mr. Greene, he met an unidentified buddy on the Parkway between Deep Gap and Blowing Rock at "Haven Rock."

The fact that Gillard was in this area was borne out with the finding of part of his loot by a park maintenance man. Gillard said he threw out the movie projector and screen because he had more stuff than he could carry in the station wagon which he said he stole in Abingdon, Va.

When picked up, Gillard had

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