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BOONE WEATHER			
1960	High	Low	prec.
Nov. 22	64	27	52
Nov. 23	53	45	49
Nov. 24	49	38	16
Nov. 25	50	34	43
Nov. 26	63	30	58
Nov. 27	87	34	43
Nov. 28	67	51	57
Total rainfall—1.6 of an inch.			

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SANTA CLAUS IS COMING.—Decorations are placed at the intersection of King and Depot Streets, in line with the opening of the Christmas shopping season, and to be ready for the visit of Santa Claus December 10.—Staff photo by Minor.

WEED AUCTIONS FETCH \$207,414

Price Of \$68.35 Breaks Records On Boone Mart

Well-Filled Floor As First Tobacco Sold

The Mountain Burley Warehouse reported an all-time high average of \$68.35 for its opening day sale of the Boone market Monday, November 28.

This compares to an opening average of \$64.63 on the 1959 market.

The market opened to a well-filled sales floor, and selling began on an optimistic note, with a few sales running as high as \$71.00, according to Mrs. Harriet Sikes.

The day's selling ran to 303,454 pounds, bringing a total of \$207,414.00.

Tobacco continues to move in at a steady pace, Mrs. Sikes said, and further record-breaking sales are anticipated this week. She emphasized that ample unloading room is available and all trucks arriving can be promptly unloaded.

Appearance is the most important factor in getting top prices for a tobacco crop, Mrs. Sikes said. A little extra time and effort in the arrangement of baskets is often the most rewarding time the grower devotes to his crop, she declared.



BURLEY BUYERS finger choice leaf as the chant of the auctioneer is heard between the baskets of golden weed.—Photo Flowers Photo Shop.

Plans Being Completed For Awards Banquet of Development Association

Plans are now being completed for the annual awards night banquet of the Northwest North Carolina Development Association Tuesday night, December 6, at 6:30 in the Gilvin Roth YMCA in Elkin. Around 700 people are expected to attend.

Watauga county is expected to be well represented. Principal speaker for the evening will be John C. Whitaker of Winston-Salem, former chairman of the board of the R. J. Reynolds Tobacco Co., and now consultant to the company.

Mr. Whitaker, a Winston-Salem native and University of North Carolina graduate, began his career with R. J. Reynolds Tobacco Company in October, 1913, the month the first Camel cigarettes were manufactured. There were only five cigarette-making machines in the company and he started work as an attendant at one of them. By the time he volunteered for Navy service in World War I he had been made a superintendent in the cigarette manufacturing division.

After the war he was instrumental in establishing both a personnel and a medical department in the company. In 1919 he was named manager of the personnel department, which continued under his direct guidance for 29 years.

He was elected to the board of directors in 1935, and in 1937 he was made superintendent of manufacturing and elected a vice president. He served as vice president of manufacturing and personnel until becoming president of the company in 1948. He was elected chairman of the board of directors in 1952 and in 1955 was



JOHN C. WHITAKER

named chairman of the executive committee in addition.

In October, 1959, having asked to be relieved of some of his duties, Mr. Whitaker was named honorary chairman of the board and continued in that position until his resignation on January 1, this year. He continues to serve as a member of the board of directors and as a consultant to the company.

Long active in the civic and religious life of his community, Mr. Whitaker has served as head of numerous organizations devoted to the recreation, health, and welfare of the people of the Winston-Salem and Forsyth county area. He has played an important part in the organization and consolidation of fund-raising campaigns dedicated to community programs.

Among other honors, Mr. Whitaker has received the Guideposts Award "for distinguished service

to the nation through support of spiritual principles as the basis of American freedom." The North Carolina Citizens Association at its annual meeting last March presented him its Distinguished Citizenship Award, citing his "half-century of unselfish service devoted to the welfare of his fellow man, the up-building of his community and state while holding positions of guidance, leadership and trust."

Four Break In At King's X

Four youths broke in and robbed Wood's Edge house at King's X, three times, according to Richard Chase, through whose industry the facility was erected in the Beech Creek area.

The robberies occurred, Mr. Chase says, while he was away in Chicago recently. Two hundred dollars worth of stuff was stolen, including a typewriter, electric tools, an invaluable antique knife of Sheffield steel (an heirloom of Mr. Chase's family), irreplaceable recordings, many hand tools and other equipment.

The first robbery took place around Halloween. Attempts were made at several local points to sell the stolen property. Due to the late discovery of the break-ins, only a few hand tools have been recovered.

Evidence leading to the identity of four persons was presented to Mr. Chase upon his return. After a few hours investigation, warrants were issued, and the youths have all been apprehended.

Start Of Labor Survey Is Seen As Aid To Industrial Program

Watauga county is taking another forward step in its industrial program this week with the beginning of a labor survey. The survey is being conducted by the Chamber of Commerce Industrial Committee, with the cooperation of the Bureau of Research and Statistics of the Employment Security Commission. The type of information gained from a labor survey is essential for a successful industrial development program.

Drafting of doctors, unnecessary for nearly four years, will be resumed unless more young physicians volunteer for military service. The Defense Department has notified more than 4,000 hospital interns, who have ignored application forms, that they have until December 1 to complete the forms.

the county who commute long distances to jobs in other counties. The forms are also available for those working in other areas who wish to return to Watauga county.

One of these questionnaire forms is printed in today's issue of the Democrat. These reprints will be distributed through the county school system, and additional reprints will be available at the Chamber of Commerce offices in Boone and Blowing Rock, assistant county agent's office, and Employment Security Commission, Courtroom, on Friday.

After the forms are filled in, they should be carried or mailed to the address listed on the bottom of the form. These forms will then be sent to the Employment Security Commission, and the

information assembled into a statistical brochure. From this brochure an interested industrial prospect will be able to know how many people are available for work; how many fall into each age group; the various degrees of educational levels, and other pertinent information.

When a new industry considers locating a plant in a county, this is the type information needed. This is usually the first question asked.

The Chamber of Commerce Industrial Committee urges that the citizens of the county, who are available for jobs with new or expanding industries, conscientiously respond to this labor survey.

All questionnaires must be returned by December 16.

Boone, B. Rock Phones To Lose Letters On Dial Plates

Your phone is losing its letters. AMherst will be replaced as Boone moves to all number calling (ANC) and the use of seven numerals instead of two letters and five numbers, according to H. M. Inabinet, manager of Southern Bell.

As an example, the Watauga Democrat's present telephone number, AM 4-3612, will be changed to 264-3612. Since 264 is dialed in the same finger holes as AM 4, there will be no change in the dialing habits.

CYpress at Blowing Rock will be changed to 295-0000.

The manager stated that there are several reasons for the change. One is confusion between letters and numbers, for instance, the letter I and the numeral 1, or the letter O and the zero. Also tests have shown that numbers are easier and faster to find on the dial. Thus, affording faster and more accurate dialing.

Another reason is the nationwide Direct Distance Dialing System which will allow long distance users to dial their own long distance calls. DDD is still a few years off as far as such originating in Boone, but cities with DDD originating equipment (the only two in North Carolina are Salisbury and Goldsboro) can now dial other towns.

For this reason, the number plate will also show our area number, 704. This number refers to the entire western half of the state. Mr. Inabinet pointed out that the area code, 704, is not part of your local number and should not be used in dialing local calls or making long distance calls. However, those persons living in DDD areas who call Lenoir should be provided with the Lenoir area number for faster service.

The manager stated that the changing of number plates on your telephone, to the all-number will be gradual. Subscribers will be notified when the change is made in their number.

Trucks Crash On King Street

Drivers of two trucks escaped injury Tuesday morning about 8 o'clock, when the vehicles collided at the foot of Grand Boulevard and King Street. Both trucks were damaged extensively, but, except for being shaken up, the drivers were not hurt.

According to Boone Policeman Clarence Greene, who investigated the accident, a pickup truck, operated by Robert Ward Wellons of Villas, was coming south on Grand Boulevard. His brakes failed to hold the vehicle on the steep hill and it ran into the intersection. A dump truck, owned by the State Highway Commission and driven by Edgar Lin Norris of Fleetwood, was traveling west on King. The two trucks collided as neither driver could avoid the other.

King Triplett To Play In Shrine Bowl Game

Opens Law Office



JAMES E. HOLSHOUSER, JR.

James E. Holshouser, Jr. has opened up his office for practice in the Old Northwestern Bank building, in the quarters formerly used by his father, United States District Attorney J. E. Holshouser.

Mr. Holshouser, who is a graduate of Appalachian High School, and of Davidson College, received his law degree at the University of North Carolina, and passed the State bar examinations in September.

Mrs. Robert King and Mr. and Mrs. Jack Cobb and family spent Thanksgiving with Mr. and Mrs. John T. King.

Maximum Store Hours For Christmas Cited By Official

Raleigh—State Labor Commissioner Frank Crance today reminded Tar Heel employers of the maximum working hours permitted for women and minors under the State Labor Laws during the pre-Christmas rush of business.

"Women of 18 years or older, employed in mercantile establishments employing nine or more persons, may work a maximum of ten hours a day but not more than six of the seven consecutive days from Dec. 18 through Dec. 24," Crance said. "This special provision in the law is for the seven days preceding Christmas day only. Normally, maximum working time for these employees is nine hours a day, 48 hours a week, and six days a week."

Fleet Appalachian High half-back, King Triplett left Saturday, November 26 for Charlotte where he is working out with the North Carolina Shrine team in preparation for the annual Shrine Bowl game held in Charlotte each fall. The game will take place on Saturday, December 3.

Triplett played hard and well for the Blue Devils this season and in past seasons and here in his senior year at Appalachian was chosen to play in the bowl game on the North Carolina team. South Carolina is the other state taking part in the game which is termed as the Shrine Bowl of the Carolinas.

Triplett scored a total of 19 touchdowns this season and several extra points. His offensive playing paced the Devils to several victories during the past few years. King hasn't missed any on defense either. He has played defense very well to add more to his spectacular record.

Appalachian hasn't had a player chosen for the Shrine game since a few years back when Randy Mad-dux was chosen for the annual affair.

Jaycees Sell Yule Trees

The Boone Jaycees will again have their Christmas tree sale this year. The trees will be top quality balsam, five to eight feet tall. Sales will begin soon.

Dr. Graham Will Speak

Dr. Frank P. Graham of the United Nations will deliver an address at Appalachian State Teachers College auditorium Monday evening, December 5.

His topic, "The United Nations in the Atomic Age," has been made most timely by the recent world tensions in and out of the UN, and Dr. Graham, who has been connected with the world organization since its beginning, is in a position to bring important facts on its subject to any audience.

Dr. Graham, a noted speaker, has a record of public service hardly equalled by any American, past or present. Born in Fayetteville, North Carolina, he graduated from the University of North Carolina and began his career as a professor of history at Chapel Hill. He interrupted his teaching to serve in the Marine Corps in World War I.

After the war, honors came in increasing numbers to Dr. Graham. He was President of the University of North Carolina in 1930. From 1942-45 he served on the National War Labor Board. He then became the first chairman of the Board of Oak Ridge Institute for Nuclear Research.

His first appointment to the United Nations came in 1947-48, when he represented the United States in the Dutch-Indonesian dispute. A year later he returned to American politics as interim appointee to the United States Senate. He spent a year as Defense Manpower Administrator in the Department of Labor.

The year 1951 brought Dr. Graham to his present position as United Nations representative for India and Pakistan, there he has rendered distinguished service.

Dr. Graham's address at ASTC is the fourth of the year's series of public programs. Holders of season tickets will be admitted and admission sold to the general public.

In split-shift operations where the day is divided into two or more work periods for the same employees, their working hours must fall within a 12-hour spread within each 24 consecutive hours, irrespective of their starting time, Crance stated.

"Women working in establishments employing eight or fewer people are restricted to ten hours a day and 55 hours a week," Crance said. "The law does not provide any increased working time for this group preceding Christmas day."

Commissioner Crance also pointed out that no longer hours are allowed for minors under 18 years of age. For 14 and 15-year old minors who have obtained employ-

ment certificates from their local Welfare Superintendent, maximum working time is eight hours a day, 40 hours a week, six days a week. Their work must be confined to the hours between 7 a. m. and 6 p. m.

Boys 16 and 17, after obtaining employment certificates, may work nine hours a day, 48 hours a week, six days a week, not earlier than 6 a. m. and not later than midnight. Girls of 16 and 17 have the same maximum hours and days of work but may be employed only between 6 a. m. and 9 p. m., Commissioner Crance added.

No mercantile work is permitted for minors under 14 years of age.