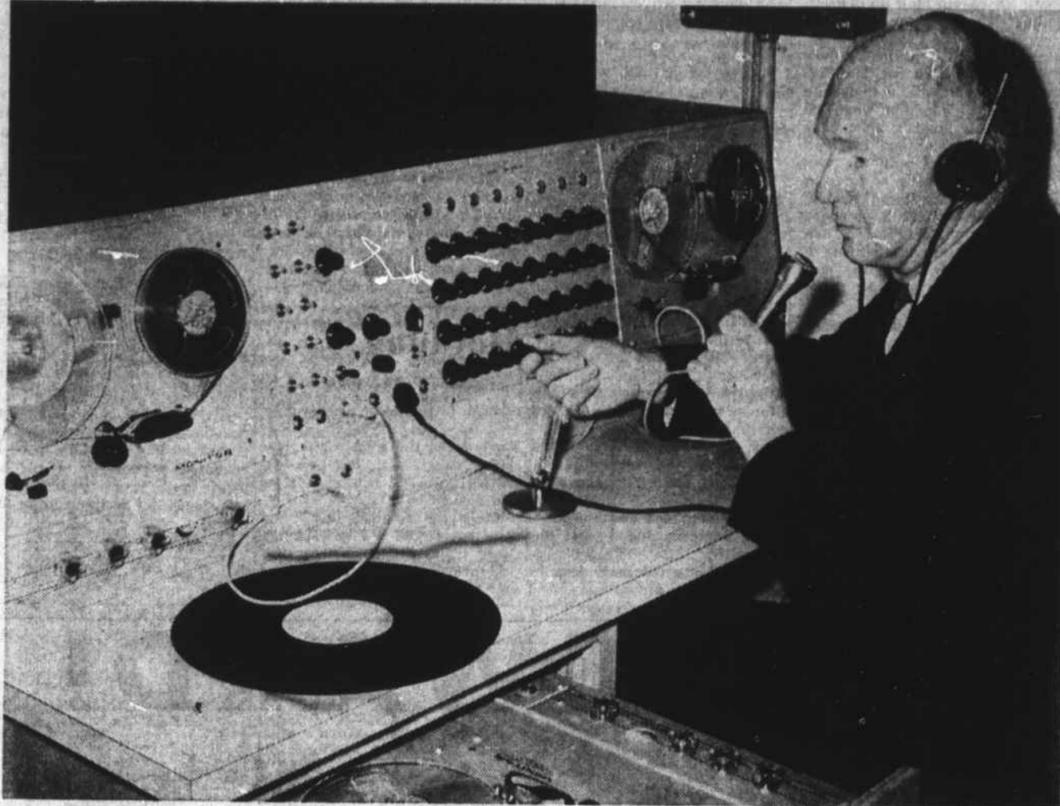


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1960	High	Low	5 pm	prec.
Dec. 20	41	28	32	
Dec. 21	30	13	14	.19
Dec. 22	19	-4	10	.04
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LANGUAGE LAB.—Dr. J. Roy Prince, at the controls of Appalachian State Teacher College's new language lab, will direct the language institute to be held June-August on the school's campus. Forty-eight high school teachers are expected to participate.

ONE OF 60 COLLEGES SELECTED

Appalachian Chosen For Institute Of Languages

U. S. Office Education Is The Sponsor

Appalachian State Teachers College has been selected by the U. S. Office of Education to conduct an eight-week Summer Languages Institute on campus from June 19 to August 11 for 24 high school teachers of French and 24 of Spanish.

The announcement is made by Dr. W. H. Flemmons, president of the college.

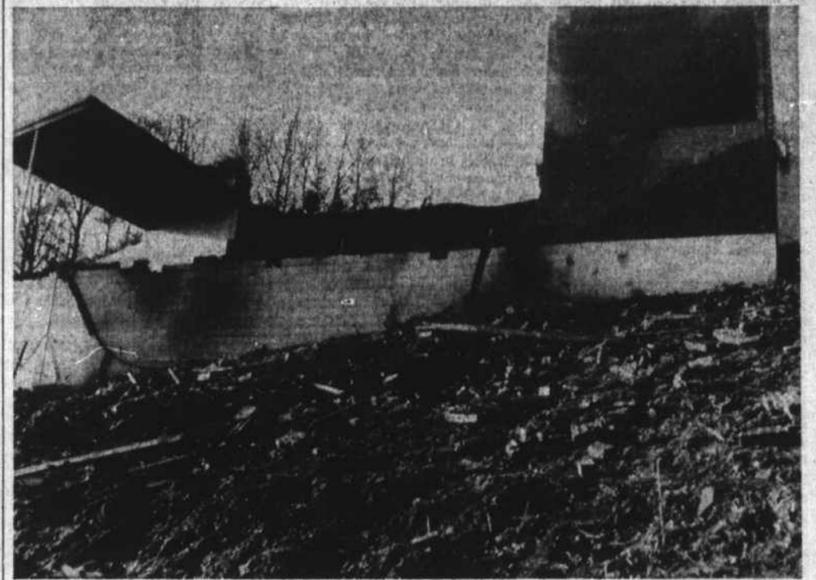
The institute, sponsored by the National Defense Education Act, will be the first one in languages authorized for North Carolina. Appalachian will join approximately 60 other specially chosen colleges and universities across the nation to do this work.

The honored institutions were selected on the basis of submitted proposals and plans best suiting the aims of the National Defense Education Act.

Appalachian's proposal and plan were prepared by the college's foreign languages department chairman, Dr. J. Roy Prince, who will be the director of the institute. Verlin Coffey, language teacher at Appalachian High School, will be assistant director of the institute.

Teachers selected to participate in the institute will undergo an intensive program of work and study designed primarily to improve their ability to pronounce, speak and understand languages. The institute will include demonstrations of new methods and equipment in language teaching and will acquaint participants with important facts about the people whose language they are studying. Those completing the program successfully may receive graduate credit in education at Appalachian.

Participants will live together in a college dormitory, take their meals together and live the language while at the institute. They will be expected to speak only the language being studied at all times (continued on page two)



FIRE.—This shows the remains of the M. L. McClung home after a fire early Wednesday morning had destroyed the dwelling. The center section or main part of the house completely "fell in," and firemen considered the almost new building a "total loss."—Staff photo Joe Minor.

McClung Home Razed By Flames

Fire completely destroyed the home of M. L. McClung, east of Boone, in the Hardin Development, early Wednesday morning (Dec. 21). Nothing was saved but two dresser drawers and contents and a portrait of his wife, Mr. McClung said.

Mr. McClung was alone in the home at the time of the fire. His wife and young son had left for Florida the afternoon preceding the catastrophe, and for this the owner said he was thankful. Although origin of the fire and exact location has not been pinpointed, Mr. McClung stated he believed his son would have perished, or at least been endangered as the fire apparently started on the lower level of the home. The son's bedroom was there.

Boone's Volunteer Fire Department answered the call at about 3:00 a. m., according to Carl Greene, town employee and member of the department. Mr. Mc-

Clung said he awoke about 2:30 o'clock to find the house full of smoke. He tried to contact the fire department from his phone. Failing to do so, he went to a neighbor's home across the street, where he was able to contact by phone a member of the department.

By the time the fire truck reached the scene, the building appeared to be "caving in," according to Mr. Greene. No hydrant was close enough to hook onto, but the firemen stood by ready to use the water which the fire truck (continued on page two)

Booster Club To Fete Devils At Banquet

The Appalachian High School Blue Devils football squad will be honored on the night of Saturday, January 7, when the Booster Club will give them a supper in the Boone Elementary School cafeteria.

Coach Jim Duncan, head football coach at Appalachian State Teachers College, will be speaker for the occasion. Major J. H. Thomas, in charge of the event, said that all parents, fans, and team members are urged to attend. Fans and parents may purchase tickets from Booster Club members, or from Major Thomas. The Blue Devils are District 7 2A champions. Trophies and individual awards will be given the team and players during the evening, Major Thomas said. The supper is at 6:30 o'clock.

Babson Sees Few Changes Under New Administration, Lower Profits

By ROGER W. BABSON

This year I have divided my forecast into eight sections as indicated by the following eight headings. Instead of covering general business as a separate topic, I am sure that a reading of the following will give a clear idea of my thoughts on general business. Naturally, my first subject will be the political outlook.

POLITICS AND THE NEW PRESIDENT

I do not expect any big changes under President Kennedy. If he had won by a landslide I would be quite worried, but with a narrow plurality in the electoral college and only a small fraction of 1% over Nixon in the total popular vote, I think that our new President will be very much on his good behavior. Certainly he will not have much influence with either the Republicans or the Conservative Democrats of the South. He may make radical recommendations in his inaugural address to "save face," but most of these will not become legislation.

He will recommend certain new welfare legislation, which will include medical care for the aged, an increase in Social Security, a new minimum wage, increased public housing, help for the distressed areas, and more aid for education.

COMMODITY PRICES, INCLUDING GOLD

Higher prices of commodities at the retail level are more or less certain, but wholesale prices will

C. of C. Board Meet Delayed

No Board meeting of the Chamber of Commerce and Merchants Association will be held on January 3rd, due to the holidays, but President Herman Wilcox states that the directors will meet on call sometime during January.

It is reminded that automobile and truck tags go on sale January 3 at 9 a. m.

All members paying their dues in December may take credit on this year's income tax returns, it is pointed out. Those who have not paid dues for 1960 will be contacted within two weeks.

"If you wish to continue as a member," said Mr. Wilcox, "it is very necessary that the old dues be paid soon."

Commissioners To Meet Tuesday

The Board of County Commissioners will not meet next Monday due to the New Year's holidays, but will be in session Tuesday January 3.

probably decline in most instances. Prices will not rise because of inflation during 1961. The first of the price advances will be absorbed by the manufacturer. Owing to the increased competition in all lines, wise manufacturers and retailers will keep their selling prices down. This means that their profits will be less if they are unable to reduce their own costs. All of this means that general business may show less increase in activity and profits in 1961 than in the previous year.

Now, in relation to gold: Three-fifths of the Free World's gold comes from African mines; one-fifth from Canada; and the balance from the U. S. and elsewhere. There are many rumors that the U. S. will "revalue," creating a higher price for gold. This will not happen during 1961; and I think that the price of many gold stocks will decline during 1961. The very discussion in Congress of possible devaluation would cause us to lose more gold. Everything will probably be done to avoid such a discussion and I believe President Kennedy will publicly state that he is opposed to it.

Temporarily, dollar devaluation might be a shot in the arm for American business, but it will not

Bad Checks Prevalent

The Chamber of Commerce advises that Western North Carolina is being plagued with bad checks during the holidays, and suggests that it would be well to use precaution in accepting checks, being sure one knows the drawer as well as the endorser of checks taken.

State Bureau of Investigation agents are checking into these check flashers and watching for shoplifters. Any shoplifter caught will also be prosecuted to the full extent of the law.

Tax Listing Dates Given

The schedule of tax listing has been announced by J. D. Winebarger, county tax supervisor, who points out that all real and personal property which one owns on the first day of January 1961, must be given in for taxes.

All male persons between the ages of 21 and 50 shall list for poll taxes at the same time.

An advertisement in the Democrat today gives a complete list of the dates for list taking in each township.

cure the cancer or whatever else is causing the pain. Not only would foreign banks withdraw gold before such legislation was passed; but if such legislation should pass in the U. S., it would be followed by similar legislation in England, France, Switzerland, Germany, and other important countries. I advise investors now to forget this question of gold devaluation and not speculate in gold stocks at this (continued on page two)

T. M. Greer Is Struck By Car

T. M. Greer, retired manager of the Winn-Dixie Store, received serious injuries when struck by an automobile driven by Johnny Greene, of Boone, Route 3, at 5:30 o'clock Tuesday evening of last week.

The accident occurred on King Street in the heart of the business district, when Mr. Greer walked into the path of a car in the swirling snow. The accident is described as unavoidable, and the driver of the car is considered blameless.

Mr. Greer suffered two pelvic fractures, and numerous cuts and bruises. There are no internal injuries. He is a patient at Watauga Hospital and his condition is said to be good. He will likely be hospitalized for several weeks, it is said.

Some Stores Close Monday

Some of the Stores of the town will be closed next Monday due to the New Year's holiday, but advices from the Chamber of Commerce indicate that most of the establishments along the street will remain open.

Among those who have indicated they will close Monday are: Belk's, Hunt's, A & P Store, Winn-Dixie Store and Sears.

Saving & Loan Closes Two Days

The offices of the Watauga Savings & Loan Association will be closed next Saturday and also Monday January 2 in order to complete the changeover to a new bookkeeping system.

James Marsh, the secretary, says that this change represents an improved service to the stockholders, but that it cannot be accomplished during the regular working hours.



DR. BURKE M. SMITH

Dr. Smith To Go To Va. U.

Dr. Burke M. Smith, Chief Psychologist at the Roanoke (Virginia) Veterans Administration Hospital since 1950, has resigned to accept an appointment as Associate Professor and Chief Clinical Psychologist at the University of Virginia School of Medicine, Charlottesville, Virginia, in January.

Dr. Smith was formerly on the faculty at Appalachian State Teachers College. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Smith, reside in Boone, and his wife is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Hayes of Triplett.

Prior to his appointment at Roanoke, Dr. Smith was on the faculty of Duke University and was Chief Psychologist at the Veterans Administration Mental Hygiene Clinic in Durham. While at Roanoke, Dr. Smith was largely responsible for the development of a cooperative training program for Clinical Psychologists with several large universities, including the University of North Carolina, Duke University, and Pennsylvania State University.

Dr. Smith is a member of the American Psychological Association, the Southeastern Psychological Association, American Association for the Advancement of Science, Phi Beta Kappa, and Sigma Xi. He is also listed in "American Men of Science" and in "Who's Who in the South and Southwest." Dr. and Mrs. Smith have been active in community affairs in Salem and Roanoke and have been recipients of numerous entertainments by their friends and neighbors before moving to Charlottesville in January.



TWAS THE DAY AFTER CHRISTMAS, and all through the town, hardly an auto was moving around.—Boone's King Street looked like this most of the day Monday, as nearly all businesses along the Street were closed and no one needed the available parking spaces. This was quite a contrast of downtown Boone last week when the stores were filled with Christmas shoppers, and "double parking" on the Street appeared to be the rule instead of exception. Evidences of the area's "White Christmas" can be seen as all the snow and ice had not yet melted. The town seemed to be settling back to normalcy Tuesday as merchants changed their windows for the new year.