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BOONE WEATHER			
1961	High	Low	6 mos. prev.
Feb. 14	55	29	46
Feb. 15	54	34	51
Feb. 16	63	38	44
Feb. 17	54	27	50
Feb. 18	54	49	50
Feb. 19	60	43	51
Feb. 20	51	39	38
Total precipitation—			59 inch.



**FIRE SALE.**—These people were waiting Saturday morning to get in to the fire sale at Burgess Furniture Store. Shortly before this picture was taken, someone estimated that more than 300 people were on the outside waiting for the store to open. Although it rained most of Saturday, business was brisk in town, and traffic was almost at a standstill at times on the Street.

## BEAUTIFYING GROUP NAMED

# Board Raises Water Rate, Eases P. O. Traffic Jam

## Street Will Be Washed Twice Weekly

The Board of Aldermen for the Town of Boone, in meeting last Thursday agreed to an increase in water charges effective the first of March, to regularly wash the Street twice a week, and sell certain real estate belonging to the city.

A beautifying committee was also named, and a motion was approved to regulate parking on Linney Street where the postoffice traffic has created a bottleneck.

Among other things, the board voted:

To authorize R. D. Hodges, Jr., fire chief, to purchase some new equipment amounting to approximately \$282.50 for the fire department.

To increase water rates inside city limits to \$1.50 plus 20% sewer for minimum or up to 2,500 gallons. Outside city limits to \$2.00 plus 20% sewer for minimum or up to 2,500 gallons. The rate being 25 cents per thousand up to 34,500 gallons. All above this remaining at 20 cents per thousand. The rate is effective March 1, 1961, and is the monthly rate.

To increase water connections as follows: Inside city limits, 3-4 inch connection \$75.00; 1 inch connection \$100.00; 1 1/4 inch \$125.00; and 1 1/2 inch \$150.00. Outside city limits: 3-4 inch \$100.00; 1 inch \$125.00; 1 1/4 inch \$150.00; 1 1/2 inch \$175.00. Building permits will be issued at the City Hall, for the (Continued on page eight)



**NEW BETA MEMBERS.**—These are the new Beta Club members at Appalachian High School. They are, front row, left to right: Patty Robinson, Glenda Austin, Ruth Ellen Moretz, Nadine Jackson, Patsy Beshears, Amelia Luther, Evelyn Edmisten Mary A. McCartney, Carolyn Barnes, Carolyn Hoover; back row: Sammy Sink, Mary Ruth Church, Polly A. Clawson, William High, Kathryn Mast, Curtis Richardson, Tommy Taylor, Joyce Ragan, Edward Brown, Barbara Moretz and Johnny Cook.—Photo Verlin Coffey.

## Chorus Gets Top Rating

The honor rating of "Superior" was earned by the Appalachian 7th and 8th Grade Mixed Chorus when the group performed in the annual District Choral Contest Friday, February 17th.

"Superior" is the highest rating a group may earn. The Appalachian group has the distinction of earning the only such rating in the entire district, including junior high and senior high divisions. A total of 12 schools representing ten counties participated.

The contest, held in the Fine Arts Building auditorium on the college campus, is sponsored by the North Carolina Music Educator's Association. Only members of the association may enter choruses in the contest.

Serving on the panel of judges, who are selected by the association, were Gordon Johnson, Paul Hichfang, and Carl Hjortswang, all of the music faculty of East Carolina College. A sampling of their comments follows:

"Very excellent tone quality for this age group; shows good background in humming and vocal exercising."

"Intonation was very good; was pleased to hear the acappella singing of the first number."

"This group is well trained and is doing precise work."

"The efforts made in placing junior high voices on parts which fit their range is to be commended."

"The children enjoyed the music and showed it in the spirit with which they sang."

The two numbers performed, both in four parts, were "Sleep, Baby, Sleep" arr. by Shaw, and "Climbin' Up the Mountain" arr. by Krones. Student accompanists were Ruth Anne Williams and Patty Sue Spencer.

The Chorus numbers 56 students. The following officers, section leaders, and accompanists serve on the Chorus Council: Carol Congleton, president; Johnny Cooke, vice-president; Diane Hagaman, secretary; Phil Minor, treasurer; Richard Agle, Linda Smith, librarians; Janice Ayers, Mackie Hagaman, Maria Erneston, Dennis Perry, Russell Robinson, Paul Bagley, section leaders; and the above named accompanists.

Mrs. Gaynelle Wilson directs the group.

## Heart Sunday To Be Observed

Mrs. W. M. Matheson and Mrs. Herman Eggers, co-chairman for Heart Sunday, announce that their organization is complete and the workers hope to visit every home in the county Sunday afternoon soliciting money for this worthwhile cause. They ask everyone to donate generously.

## IRC Sets New Record In Sales, Earnings

Philadelphia. — International Resistance Co. established new all-time sales and earnings records in 1960 for the second consecutive year, it was announced this week by Walter W. Slocum, president.

Net sales for the fiscal year ended January 1, 1961, rose to \$20,824,173, an increase of 5.1 per cent from the \$19,810,403 reported for the previous fiscal year ended January 3, 1960.

Earnings after taxes totaled \$1,943,450, an increase of 9 per cent from the previous year's net of \$1,783,859. Net per share was equal to \$1.40 vs. \$1.29, based on 1,386,498 shares outstanding January 1, 1961.

Mr. Slocum pointed out that the record sales and earnings were made "in the face of substantially increased expenditures" for research and new product development, and "despite the intensified business conditions during the last six months of 1960."

## Coffey Named To House Posts

Representative Coffey of Watauga County has been named on the important appropriations committee of the House, also on Conservation and development and Mental Institutions. Speaker Hunt has released the names of only a portion of his appointees.

Mr. Coffey is spending the week-ends at his home, and tells the Democrat he invites all who have Legislative interests to bring them to his attention.

Mrs. Ruby S. Hodges will leave Friday afternoon for New York City where she will attend the International Beauty Show held at the Statler Hilton Hotel, February 27, 28, March 1.

## School Bands To Give Concert Tues. Night

The Elementary School Beginner Band and the Junior High School Band will be heard in concert on next Tuesday night, the 28th of February. The concert is to be held in the Elementary School auditorium and will begin at 7:30 p.m.

The public is invited to attend this program.

The Beginner Band consists of youngsters from the sixth and seventh grades who started out this year in the instrumental program that is offered to the Elementary School pupils. For the most part these people began their instrumental training on instruments which were rented for the first three months then purchased

## Robt. Thomas Funeral Today

Robert B. Thomas, 74 years old, native of Watauga county, who had resided in Rising, Sun, Maryland for four years, died at his home there Sunday, following an extended illness.

The body was returned to Watauga county and services will be held at Union Baptist Church, in the Mabel neighborhood, Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock by the Rev. Barney Oliver and the Rev. A. E. Brown. Interment will be in Union Grove cemetery.

The body will be taken to the home of Mrs. Nettie Thomas at Trade Wednesday at 5 p. m., and remain there overnight.

A son of the late Jasper L. and Mrs. Thomas of Watauga county, Mr. Thomas was reared here and engaged in farming activities here and in Maryland until his retirement.

He is survived by the widow; four sons and two daughters: Lon, Cecil, Charles, Bobby Thomas, Mrs. Paul Reese and Miss Janice Thomas. There are three brothers and four sisters: Alfred, G. H., Spencer Thomas and Mrs. Graydon Campbell, all of the Zionville section. There are six grandchildren.

## Mrs. Sturgill Dies Monday

Mrs. Nora Sturgill, of Grassy Creek, Ashe County, mother of Mrs. J. C. Cline of Boone, died at the Ashe county Hospital, West Jefferson, Monday night from a heart ailment.

Funeral services will be conducted Thursday, 2:00 p. m., at Grassy Creek Methodist Church.

## NEUTRAL SITES SELECTED

# College Building Precludes Home Grid Games This Year

Appalachian will play no home football games in Boone during the 1961 season. The announcement was made here Thursday by the college administration and the athletic department.

The four football games originally scheduled to be held in Boone will be played on neutral sites, starting with the Western Carolina game in Asheville on September 23.

The game with Lenoir Rhyne on October 7 has been scheduled for Memorial Stadium in Charlotte, and could well be the highlight game in the North State Conference next fall.

The annual homecoming game has been moved to the high school field in Lenoir. The opponent is Carson-Newman, and the game date is October 21. The final "home" game is scheduled on October 28 in Hickory with East Carolina furnishing the opposition.

The college decision to move the home games to neutral sites was necessitated by the start of construction of a new science building on the site presently occupied by the football stadium. The construction of the new science quarters must be started this spring or summer in order to be ready for use in the fall of 1962. A delay in the start of construction until after the football season next fall would move completion of the new addition into 1963.

Both Dr. William H. Plemmons, college president, and Jim Duncan, football coach, expressed pleasure with the selection of sites. Dr. Plemmons stated, "Although we are not completely satisfied with the idea of moving the home games off the college campus, we feel that it was the only decision that would adequately meet the circumstances. With the present rate of growth in the school's enrollment, the building program could not be curtailed or retarded."

Coach Duncan stated that "the playing of some of our games in new towns will afford us the opportunity to display our football team and athletic program to many new friends. Although it would be better for our team and students psychologically to have our games at home, we recognize that sacrifices must be made in favor of the overall school progress."

The decision to play the games away from home is for one year only. Appalachian has already started construction on a new 10,000 seat football stadium, and completion is expected sometime in the summer of 1962. The playing field will be ready for the home

games in that year. The new athletic field is being constructed just south of the college campus.

The moving of the games will not prove a complete handicap to the Appalachian student body. Plans are now in process for the college to provide transportation to the "home" games for all students who wish to attend. The details and arrangements are being worked on by the Dean of the College and the Business Manager of Athletics.

Appalachian High School, the only high school team affected by the loss of playing facilities, is also expected to schedule home games in other parks during the 1961 season.

## Date Of Mayors Court Changed

Mayor's Court has been moved from Saturday morning to Monday night at 7 o'clock.

Mayor Cottrell states that he can remain until nine for the discussion of public matters, if desired. He further states that if there is a demand he will be glad to meet with citizens Thursday nights from 7 to 9.



DEWEY MITCHELL

## Rites Held For Co. Teacher

Dewey William Mitchell, 58, of Boone died Tuesday of last week at Watauga Hospital after a long illness.

Funeral services were conducted at 2 o'clock Thursday at Cool Springs Baptist Church by Rev. Robert Shore, Rev. J. H. Crisp and Rev. Clyde Cornett with burial in the Hartley cemetery.

Born in Watauga County, August 20, 1902, Mr. Mitchell was the son of the late Thomas and Nancy Cannon Mitchell. He was a graduate of Appalachian State Teachers College.

## Two Mountain Men Take Part In Folk Festivities At Chicago

By RICHARD CHASE  
Two men from the mountain area recently attended the University of Chicago Folk Festival and made a great hit. They were Frank Proffitt of Reece, and Horton Barker of Chilhowie, in nearby Virginia.

Frank Proffitt, some 20 years ago, sang "Tom Dooley" for his friend, Frank Warner, of New York City. Frank Warner sang this song for Alan Lomax who included it in his book, "Folk Song: U. S. A." Then the Kingston Trio got hold of it, and the rest of the story is well known.

Unfortunately the original source of "Tom Dooley" got no recognition until Frank Warner got

busy. Our good neighbor, Frank Proffitt, has only recently received the royalties that are his due—from Australia, England, and Belgium. Royalties from the huge earnings made in this country are still pending settlement.

In Chicago Frank Proffitt sang with an old-fashioned fretless banjo of his own make. The unassuming quietness of Mr. Proffitt's singing was quite impressive. It was his first time to sing in public—before an audience of about 2,000 people.

Horton Barker sang ballads with no accompaniment, and his clear tenor voice and sincerity of presen-

tation of our beloved ancient songs—called "The Old Music" by our neighbors—drew more applause than all the "professional" singers on the rest of the three-night program.

Mr. Barker has appeared at Appalachian State Teachers College, and drew tears with his singing of "The Warfaring Stranger." In Chicago, the young singers of "the urban revival" of interest in America, especially Southern Appalachian, folk music, used the version of "The Devil and the Farmer's Wife" recorded about 20 years ago for the Library of Congress records by Horton Barker.