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BOONE WEATHER			
1961	High	Low	6 pm prec.
Feb. 28	58	32	50
Mar. 1	54	38	45
Mar. 2	52	30	45
Mar. 3	52	27	51
Mar. 4	73	39	65
Mar. 5	71	51	63
Mar. 6	64	54	55
Total precipitation—10 of an inch			22 4



YOUNG SCIENTISTS.—These high school students studied science at Appalachian last year under a program sponsored by the National Science Foundation. This year 60 high-ability students will be studying here again under the program.—Corey photo.

FOR HIGH ABILITY STUDENTS

Science Foundation To Sponsor ASTC Institute

Dr. Derrick Will Again Be The Director

Appalachian State Teachers College has received a \$13,000 grant from the National Science Foundation with which to conduct a five-weeks training program for high-ability secondary school students in science. The announcement was made by Dr. F. Ray Derrick, who will again act as director of the program at Appalachian. This is the third consecutive year the summer science school has been held in Boone.

Dates for the school will be July 19-August 18.

Dr. Derrick said sixty outstanding high school science students from the southeast will be selected to attend the program in Boone this year. Last year fifty participated in the institute, but this year the number will be increased. Thirty of the students will be of tenth grade standing (as of 1961-62 school session), and thirty of eleventh and twelfth grade standing.

The tenth graders will be taught in a course of "Problems and Projects in Physical Science." The other group will be tutored in "Ecological Investigations."

The National Science Foundation is spending \$180 million this year in an effort to bring the science program in schools up to date, Dr. Derrick said. The Foundation pays all expenses of the program except one-half the room and board, travel and insurance. The participating student pays the other half of these items. This policy makes the program available to more students, the local director explained.

Dr. Derrick recently attended a three-day meeting in Washington, where all directors from other participating colleges and universities discussed the program and made plans for the summer school. He said Appalachian is fortunate in being able to continue in the science training program. Because of growing interest in science and the National Science Foundation sponsorship of the program, only about half of the schools applying to the Foundation were accepted.

Appalachian, who pioneered in the two previous institutes with much success. The record made here in these previous efforts probably contributed largely to its selection again this year, Dr. Derrick said. The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, and Woman's College at Greensboro will be participating for the first time this year.

Dr. Derrick stated it is not likely more than two students will come from any one school because of the high standards of the program, but for those accepted it will mean an interesting period of study. The students, both boys and girls, will be housed in the college dormitories and eat in the college cafeteria. They will study under experienced scientists.

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Students from the entire southeast may apply for the program, Dr. Derrick said. It is expected that most of those who will attend Appalachian will come from the general area. More students than ever before are expected to apply for the program.

Because of the increased interest, Dr. Derrick advises early application. The program will be held in Boone.

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ACTING POSTMASTER.—T. O. Howell, right, Field Service Officer for the Post Office Department, is shown presenting Ralph Beshears his certificate of a postmaster in Boone. With the certificate came a letter from Postmaster General J. Edward Day, expressing congratulations. He said, "In accepting this certificate you assume not only the obligation to adhere strictly and faithfully to the laws and regulations of the post office department, but, also, the privilege of serving the public as the representative of the postal service. It is with full cognizance of your ability that I entrust to your care the responsibilities of this position."—Photo George Flowers.



BLOWING ROCK ROTARY OFFICERS.—Tom Shelton, center, was elected president of the Blowing Rock Rotary Club last week. Shelton, of Blowing Rock and Charlotte, is flanked on the left by retiring president, Everette Widener on the left, and William Shaheen, new vice-president, on the right.

Blowing Rock Heart Effort Tops Record

Citizens of the town of Blowing Rock and vicinity topped all their past efforts in the support of the Heart Fund this year when they raised a total of \$221.19 during the month of February.

The money was raised by the following methods:

- Business day—\$20.70; bake sale—\$16.85; Presbyterian Men's Bible Class—\$15.05; card party—\$37.00; Half-time at ball game gifts—\$18.10; coin containers—\$14.08; Heart Sunday—\$102.40.

Mrs. Bruce Greene, Blowing Rock Heart Fund chairman, wishes to thank everyone who has been so generous with his or her time, talents, and money, and especially the following people and business firms, without whose help she says the success of the campaign would not have been possible.

Mrs. George Baker, Mrs. Bernice Greene, Mrs. Gene Craig, Mrs. Carter Lentz, Mrs. Arnold Bolick, Mrs. Louis Lentz, Mrs. Edgar Young, Mrs. Nancy Trexler, Mrs. Jay Shores, Mrs. Burner Shores, Mrs. Betty Coffey, Miss Mary Lentz, Mrs. Blake Brinkerhoff, The Village Shop, The Rock Gift Shop, The Bonnie Brae, and the Craft Shop.

Mrs. Greene would also like to remind everyone who has not made a contribution, that it is not too late. Contact your local Heart Fund chairman for information.

NOMINATION FOR WOMAN OF THE YEAR

(The Woman-of-the-Year Contest is sponsored by the Boone Business and Professional Women's Club; members of the club are ineligible for nomination.)

Name..... Age (must be over 25).....

Address.....

Residence in county (must be five or more years).....

Occupation (if any).....

Single..... Married..... Husband's name.....

Husband's occupation..... No. children.....

Activities—List all activities, both past and present:

Civic.....

Church.....

Social.....

Offices held in above activities.....

Accomplishments and talents (Homemaking, music, art, drama, etc.):.....

Mail this ballot to Radio Station WATA, Boone, North Carolina, postmarked not later than midnight, April 1, 1961.

Signature.....

Your age.....

Address.....

Complete this statement or make any additional comments you wish: "I nominate this person for woman of the year because....."

Children's Matinee Little Symphony To Be Held 27th

Children of Watauga County will see their first special matinee of the North Carolina Little Symphony on Monday, March 27, when two thousand or more youngsters will gather at the new gymnasium on the campus of Appalachian State Teachers College to hear and participate in orchestra music all their own.

The North Carolina Little Symphony, first state-supported orchestra in the United States, has been giving such matinees for fourteen years and last year performed before thousands of public school children from seacoast to the Blue Ridges.

Preparations for the matinee have been going on in the schools since a workshop was held last fall in Morganton to assist area teachers in organizing the work. Mrs. Mae Edmisten, county supervisor, is in general charge of the program. The children will play homemade instruments and sing in conjunction with the orchestra.

The matinee is made possible for Watauga county children through the co-operation of the United Fund and the college, which will offer its regular adult program on the evening following the matinee.

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Watauga's First Woman of Year To Be Chosen By BPW Club

Watauga county's first "Woman of the Year" is to be chosen this year, with the contest for the choice sponsored by the Boone Business and Professional Club. The announcement came from Mrs. Dessa Mae Edmisten, president of the club.

Anyone who is a resident of the county and who is 21 years old or older may make a nomination. Nominations must be made on the ballot prepared and distributed by the Boone B & P W Club.

Ballots will be available in the Watauga Democrat, in the public schools, and at Radio Station WATA between the hours of 9:00 a. m. and 5:00 p. m. Nominations must be mailed to Radio Station WATA, and must be post-marked not later than midnight, April 1, 1961.

The selection committee, which is composed of members of the B & P W Club, is secret, known only to the committee and the president of the club. The selection will be announced on April 24, at the meeting of the club. The winner will be a guest of the club at its April meeting, and will be given a corsage and a permanent award.

So far as is known, this is the first contest of this kind ever held in the county, Mrs. Edmisten said. It is hoped that many nominations will be made. There are, in Watauga county, literally dozens of women who could well qualify as outstanding leaders in civic, church, social, welfare, and in other accomplishments. The Boone B & P W Club would like very much to pay honor to such women.

The club invites the whole county, of those over twenty-one years of age, to make nominations of such outstanding women. Members of the BPW are not eligible for nomination.

Members of the club who are serving as committee chairmen are as follows: Nominations and radio, Jane Smith; newspaper, Earleen G. Pritchett; civic clubs, Jean Childers; schools, Dessa Mae Edmisten; and ballots, Margaret Gragg.

Grass Fire Extinguished

The Boone Volunteer Fire Department was called out Saturday morning when a garden brush fire got out of control near Faculty street. R. D. Hodges, Jr., fire chief, listed no damage. The undergrowth in the woods was burned as the fire moved up a hill above the garden of Roby Greene.

Firemen beat the fire out with brush and shovels.

Barber Shop Song Program Will Be Held Here Tonight

A program, introducing the Society for the Preservation and Encouragement of Barber Shop Quartet Singing in America, Inc., has been planned for tonight (Thurs.) at 7:00 o'clock, in the Choral Room of the Fine Arts Building at the college. Dr. W. G. Spencer, is announcing the meeting, said it is planned especially for men who enjoy singing, and both college men students and men in the community are invited to attend.

A color film featuring the International Championship Quartets and Choruses will be shown. The SPEBSQSA began in 1938, and now boasts more than 650 chapters in the United States, with over 28,000 members.

Mrs. Harmon Dies In Tenn.

The funeral of Mrs. Myrtle Greene Harmon, wife of John Harmon of Elizabethton, Tenn., was conducted Wednesday at Grace Baptist Church, in Elizabethton. Burial was in the family cemetery at Neva. Services were conducted by the Rev. Mr. Sinclair.

She died in Carter County Memorial Hospital, where she had been seriously ill for six weeks. She was 75 years old.

Mrs. Harmon was born in Watauga County to the late Adam and Susan Greene.

Young Farmer South To Speak At Rotary Club

Stanley South, Boone native, now Archaeologist for the State Archives and History, will be guest speaker at the Rotary Club at its regular meeting at 6:30 on Thursday, March 16th.

At 8 o'clock the same evening, he will speak at the Boone Methodist Church in the Adult Assembly room. He will show slides and speak of his excavations at the site of Old Brunswick Town, near Wilmington.

The latter meeting is sponsored by the Fine Arts Department of the Worthwhile Woman's Club, and the public is invited.

Mayor Cottrell Proclaims Girl Scout Week March 12-18

Whereas the Girl Scouts of the United States of America have rendered continuous service to their country and communities since their founding on March 12, 1912; and Whereas we the People of Boone are aware of the important contribution to community welfare being made by Girl Scout leaders through their work with the youth of the nation; and Whereas the Girl Scout organization has grown to more than 2 1/2 million girl members and almost 800,000 adult leaders, who are each day living up to their Promise to Do Their Duty to God and Country, to Help Other People at All Times, and to Live By the Girl Scout Laws of loyalty, honesty,

Mrs. Cottrell Dies Sunday; Rites Tuesday

Mrs. Texie Edmisten Cottrell, 77, died at her home on College Street, Boone Sunday afternoon. She had been ill for three years.

Funeral services were held at the Boone Baptist Church Tuesday at 2 o'clock. The pastor, Rev. J. Boyce Brooks conducted the rites and was assisted by Rev. J. K. Parker, Jr., of the Presbyterian Church and Dr. L. H. Hollingsworth of Winston-Salem, former Boone Baptist Church pastor. Burial was in the city cemetery.

Palbearers were: Bernard Dougherty, Edgar Cooke, John Wellborn, Paul Winkler, Graydon Eggers and J. E. Joiner.

Members of the Order of the Eastern Star were in charge of the flowers.

The widow of D. Jones Cottrell, pioneer Boone merchant, Mrs. Cottrell was born in Watauga county, a daughter of the late William Shuford Edmisten and Charlotte Moore Edmisten.

She was a member of the First Baptist Church, a charter member of the Worthwhile Woman's Club, of the Order of the Eastern Star and of the United Daughters of the Confederacy.

Surviving are three sons and two daughters: Dallas Cottrell, Felton, Calif.; Howard Cottrell, Raleigh Cottrell, Mrs. C. C. Oates, Boone; Mrs. W. L. Wilhelm, Memphis, Tenn. There are thirteen grandchildren and six great grandchildren.

H. B. Wilson Dies In Calif.

Lenoir—Hilliard Baxley Wilson, 51, of Oakland, Calif., died Wednesday following an operation at an Oakland hospital.

He was born in Lenoir to Dr. and Mrs. C. L. Wilson. He had been assistant Oakland city manager for 20 years and formerly was associated with the Chicago municipal government. He was a graduate of the University of North Carolina.

He served in the Navy during World War II and, as a lieutenant, supervised the evacuation of 432 natives from Madelap, an atoll of the Marshall Islands, when Madelap was threatened by the Japanese.

Surviving Mr. Wilson are his parents; his wife, the former Miss Margon Dawson; a daughter, Miss Penelope Wilson; two sisters, Mrs. H. D. Gragg of Lenoir and Mrs. Frank Deker of Elkins Park, Pa.; and two brothers, Dr. Hadley Wilson of Boone and Rathmel Wilson of Blowing Rock.

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