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1967	High	Low	6 mos. prec.
Apr. 18	41	30	tr.
Apr. 19	46	32	44
Apr. 20	61	23	81
Apr. 21	68	38	65
Apr. 22	72	41	66
Apr. 23	72	56	70
Apr. 24	80	50	77
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CLEAN-UP.—Scouts Russell Robinson, Clarence Wilson, Howard Williams, and Lee Howser get a head-start in the current clean up-paint up-fix up campaign. The Boone Methodist Church Scout troop collected paper from homes and businesses in Boone recently, help-

ing to clean up storeplaces and removing a serious fire hazard. Scoutmaster J. B. Robinson says a good truck load was collected, and it will be carried to Charlotte and sold.—Staff photo.

Mayor's Committee Acts To Clean Up Community

Paul Weston Will Play Organ At Annual Beauty Pageant

The entertainment at this spring's Miss Watauga County Beauty Pageant will again be headlined by Paul Weston, the musical photographer. Mr. Weston has captivated pageant audiences with his talent at the Hammond organ



PAUL WESTON

for the last several years. The upcoming beauty pageant will be held at the Appalachian Elementary School on Saturday, May 13, at 8:00 p. m. Bob Barnes, announcer for radio station WATA, will serve as master of ceremonies. Mr. Weston, who is owner of the Paul Weston Studio in Boone, has had a wide variety of experience in the field of musical entertainment. He began his career in show business in Boston while he was still a teen-ager. It was not many years before he had an impressive background of experience. He played with both the Abe Lyman and Paul Whiteman orchestras, and for two and a half years he provided music regularly over WSB in Atlanta, Ga.

Prior to World War II, Mr. Weston and his wife opened a photographic studio in Boone. However, during the war he returned to show business, playing the console organ at hotels of the Sheraton chain throughout the country. After the war he returned to his photographic business in Boone where he has been since.

This will be the first public appearance for Mr. Weston since his recent serious illness. Tickets for the pageant are available from Jaycee members, or can be purchased at the Varsity Shop on East King Street.

Monroe Herman Funeral Held

Monroe Herman, 69, of Valle Crucis, died Sunday morning at the Veterans Hospital at Oteen after an illness of one week. He had been in failing health for a year. Mr. Herman was born in Watauga County to Abel and Nancy Townsend Herman. He was a retired farmer and a veteran of the first world war. He was a member of Holy Cross Episcopal Church.

Surviving are the widow, Mrs. Artie Mitchell Herman; a daughter, Mrs. Reba Chapman of Charlotte; a son, James W. Herman of Jefferson; seven grandchildren; two brothers and three sisters: Thomas and Leroy Herman of Valle Crucis; Misses Minnie and Diane Herman and Mrs. Robert Yates, all of Valle Crucis.

Funeral services were held Monday at 3 o'clock at Holy Cross Episcopal Church by Rev. Rhett Winters. Burial was in the church cemetery.

It's clean up time in Boone, with special committees and a Mayor's proclamation to lend authority to the effort, according to Mrs. Lee Reynolds, Chairman of the Beautification Committee of the Chamber of Commerce, and Mrs. B. W. Stallings, Chairman of the Town Beautification Committee appointed by the town government.

Efforts of the two committees are coordinated toward a common goal to make Boone the most attractive community in the area. Homemakers and property owners are urged to join in a giant clean up effort that will make the town spotless, and to plant flowers and shrubs that will lend charm and beauty.

Mayor Howard Cottrell, in proclaiming May 1 through May 10 official Clean Up Period, called attention to a Town Ordinance which reads as follows:

Sec. 1—Owners and occupants of premises required to keep the same free from dangerous animal and vegetable matter. Every person owning or occupying any premises in the town shall keep such premises free from noxious weeds, trash and all other forms of offensive animal or vegetable matter or refuse which may be dangerous or prejudicial to public health or which may constitute a public nuisance. No owner or occupant of any premises shall bury therein any animal or vegetable matter which upon decaying, may become dangerous or prejudicial to the public health or may constitute a nuisance.

Sec. 2—Persons violating Section to be notified to comply therewith; Exception. If any person shall violate the provisions of the preceding section, it shall be the duty of the Sanitary Inspector or the Chief of Police or his assistants to give notice to the owner or to any person in possession of said lot, directing that within twelve hours or sooner from the time of such notice all weeds, trash, and (continued on page four)



DR. CHARLES DAVANT

Dr. Davant Takes Air Medicine Work At Marine Base

Dr. Charles Davant has returned to Blowing Rock after completing two weeks training duty in aviation medicine at the Marine Corps Air Station, Beaufort, S. C.

During the course of his duty, he underwent the training procedures required of jet pilots including actual ascents in the pressure chamber to 35,000 feet and ejection seat training. Dr. Davant, who is a licensed civilian pilot and flies light aircraft himself, also received training in a Link jet trainer. When he personally flew a Cougar jet fighter, a F4U, at altitudes of 40,000 feet at speeds in excess of the speed of sound, he joined the MACH busters club whose membership is limited to those who have cracked the sound barrier.

Dr. Davant currently holds the rank of Commander in the United States Naval Reserve with 18 years of government service on active and reserve duty. He is a member of the Flying Physicians Association, Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association and is a FFA medical examiner.

Young Demos To Gather Friday

The Young Democratic Club of Watauga County will meet Friday evening at 7:30 at the Appalachian Room of the Boone Trail Restaurant.

Young Democrats from all precincts are being urged by President George Thomas to attend. Those wishing to join will have an opportunity to do so.

Pie and coffee will be served Dutch to those who desire it. An important resolution will be offered at this meeting, so members are asked to encourage as many as possible to attend.

Scout Barbecue Sales Postponed

The sale of barbecued chicken by the Perkinsville Boy Scout Troop, which was to have been held Saturday, has been postponed until further notice, it was announced Tuesday.

FFA MENTIONS THIS CITY

Boone Airport Looms As Long Range Probability

Facilities Would Handle Private Ships

An airport will be built in Boone and six other northwestern North Carolina towns during the next five years, if a national program proposed Monday by the Federal Aviation Agency goes through.

Besides Boone, Elkin-Jonesville, High Point, Lexington, Mount Airy, Mooresville and North Wilkesboro are mentioned as among the 19 North Carolina towns which are proposed as new airport sites. It is also expected that 40 existing airports would be improved.

The new airports as proposed by the FFA, would not provide service for scheduled passenger flights, but would be used by planes owned by individuals or industries. Even so, such a development would greatly enhance the tourist and business possibilities for the Boone and Blowing Rock region, which is still isolated to a degree as far as air travel is concerned.

The proposal, the FFA points out, which is called the National Airport Plan, does not mean that the local communities or the Federal government agrees to or is committed to begin the projects or to take part in financing them.

FAA Administrator N. E. Halaby said: "The plan is rather a report to Congress and the public on airport needs which should be satisfied during the next five years to keep pace with the growth of aviation."

The national program announced by the FAA would include 465 new airports and improvements at 2,834 existing ones. The total cost would be about \$1.1 billion. Such costs in the past have been borne about equally by the Federal government and the state or local governments involved, it was said.

Rankin Given Federal Post

Winton B. Rankin, 44, a native of Boone, has been appointed to a new post of assistant commissioner of the Food and Drug Administration in Washington.

The appointment was announced by Commissioner George P. Larrick, as he announced the creation of this and two other assistant commissioner posts.

Mr. Rankin is a son of Dr. and Mrs. J. D. Rankin of Boone. He is a career official, and before his new appointment was assistant to the commissioner for general activities. His new work gives him responsibility including program matters and general administration. He has been with the FDA since 1939.

Court News Next Week

The judgments of the April term of Watauga Superior Court, currently in session, will be published in the next issue of the Democrat.



DIRECTORS—Watauga county directors of the Northwest North Carolina Development Association pose with college officials who were hosts to the organization Friday at a "Watauga dinner." Left to right they are, Dr. W. H. Plemmons, president of Appalachian, Bob Allen, director of foundations for the college and public relations director, and James Marsh, Woodrow Richardson, and Stanley A. Harris, NWNCA directors.—Photo Buddy R. Owens.

Irate Husband Slays Wife, Mother Of 10

Moose Will Build Here

More than eighty charter signers have been secured for the new Boone Moose Lodge, as plans go forward for institution ceremonies and for the construction of a Moose home for Lodge meetings, dinners, parties and other social gatherings.

Membership Director, J. C. Cline says that the goal established is for 250 members by May 7, which has been tentatively set as institution date.

Forty were present at the last meeting held Wednesday when State Director Bill Moon showed the Moose movie, explained the program of the organization and presented appreciation awards to all who had sponsored one or more new applications. Mr. Cline read the list of 73 charter signers.

The institution ceremonies are to start Sunday afternoon May 7 at 2 o'clock, and a committee was appointed to find the place for the meeting. The degree staff of Lenoir Moose Lodge 385 will perform the ceremonies, and officers for the Boone Lodge will be installed.

Meantime a meeting will be held this (Wednesday) evening April 26 at 7:30, at which time Deputy Supreme Governor, Char-

Is Winner Of Spelling Bee



DAVID HARMAN

David Harman, son of Mrs. Edith Harman of Blowing Rock and Cedar Bluff, Va., won the county-wide spelling bee April 13 on the 637th word.

He waged an hour and 47 minute contest with his seven competitors, all girls.

Finally, the contestant from Bethel tripped up on "obsolete." David was given the word and spelled it correctly. He then spelled the next word on the list—"eviction"—and was declared the champion.

David is 12 years old, a member of Mrs. R. C. Greene's seventh grade. His hobbies are reading, sports, and music.

Soviet reported cool to China's food crisis.

Stanley Ward, 47, is being held in the Watauga county jail without bond, for the fatal shooting of his wife, Mrs. Viola Ward, 41, mother of ten children, which occurred in the Rominger section of Watauga county Monday morning at 8:40 o'clock, while her mother, Mrs. Monroe Harmon, looked on.

Coroner Richard E. Kelley, who with Sheriff E. M. Hodges, conducted an investigation of the fatal shooting, said that Ward and his estranged wife had attempted to reach a reconciliation of their domestic problems Sunday night. They had been separated for some time.

Monday morning, Mrs. Harmon joined them in their discussions. Ward reportedly left the room, went to the home of his father-in-law and borrowed a shotgun under the pretext of killing a rabbit and returned.

"You have lived long enough," Mrs. Harmon told the Coroner that Ward said, as he leveled the shotgun and fired on his wife. The entire load took effect in her right breast and she died instantly.

After the shooting Ward left the Harmon home at Rominger and went to Vilas, where he asked Edward Edmiston, filling station operator, to drive him to Boone.

The Wards had been married 22 years. Their ten children ranged in age from seven years to 21 years. Five of them live at home. They had resided in Lenoir until Mrs. Ward returned to Watauga county with the children two weeks ago. The family was receiving public welfare assistance for the children in Caldwell, it was noted. "Didn't Know It Was Loaded"

Sheriff Hodges quotes Ward as saying he did not shoot his wife deliberately—that he didn't know the gun was loaded when he pulled the trigger.

Only five of the Ward children had been living with their mother. Others are said to live at diverse points, but their addresses are unknown.

The survivors are the husband; four sons, Jimmy, Howard, John and Kenneth Ward; six daughters, Tommye Sue, Carolyn, Mary Helen, Martha Ann, Rebecca Ann and (Continued on page four)

Queen Crowning, "Oklahoma" Will Highlight Spring Festival

Presentation of the popular Broadway musical, "Oklahoma" and crowning of Martha Chandler as May Queen highlight the Spring Festival May 5-6 on the campus of Appalachian State Teachers College.

John Kirk, ASTC dean of men and chairman of the Spring Festival committee, announces that over 200 students will participate in the colorful festival, beginning Friday night, May 5, with the presentation of the Rodgers and Ham-

merstein "Oklahoma." On Saturday, at 10:30 a. m., movies will be shown to prospective Appalachian students in the science building lecture room.

A mixer for high school students and future Appalachian students under the direction of Ronnie Brooks, recreation director, begins at 1:30 p. m. in the men's old gym.

Charles Isley will direct an informal band concert at 2:30 p. m. in the Health and Physical Education Building.

Spring Festival Queen Martha Chandler and her court will be presented at 3 p. m. under the direction of Mrs. Daisy Eggers of the English department.

Tea will be served at 4:30 p. m. in East Hall for the Spring Festival court and their friends.

A second performance of "Oklahoma" will be presented at 7 p. m. by the Playcrafters and the orchestra and choir. Nicholas Erneston will direct the music, Miss Elizabeth (Continued on page four)

Development Ass'n Speaker Says Economic Upturn Definite

The directors of Northwest North Carolina Development Association heard the president of the Bank of North Wilkesboro declare that trends now indicate the recession is ending. "The upturn," he said, "is definite, but slow."

W. D. Halfacre was summing up a panel and audience discussion in the Fine Arts Auditorium of Appalachian State Teachers College following a business session and supper of the directors of the elev-

en-county organization who were here for their regular monthly meeting. Title of the discussion was, "Economic Trends in Northwest North Carolina and Surrounding Areas."

The directors spent Friday afternoon touring the college campus, particularly sites where new buildings are to be located, and made a visit to "Horn in the West" grounds. Dr. Howard S. Decker, head of the college Industrial Arts Department, was in charge of the

tour. Helping him were Dr. Cratis Williams, dean of Graduate School; Bob Allen, Public Relations director; and John Corey, executive secretary of the Alumni Association.

Before the tour, an "open house" and coffee was held in the Fine Arts building. Mrs. Earleen G. Pritchett, secretary to college President W. H. Plemmons, presided.

After the tour, the directors (Continued on page 4, section C)