

BOONE WEATHER			
1961	High	Low	6 pm prec.
July 4	78	52	.14
July 5	80	53	.74
July 6	78	51	.75
July 7	78	56	tr.
July 8	75	60	.32
July 9	70	51	.62
July 10	74	40	.67
Total rain—48 inch.			

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TWENTY PAGES—THREE SECTIONS

Optimist Club Installs New Slate Officers

Officers of the Boone Optimist Club were installed Monday night in special ceremonies attended by members of the Lenoir Optimist Club as special guests. The club here was sponsored by the Lenoir club.

Hugh Cranford, who is past director of the Optimist International, past governor of District 18, and past president of the Charlotte Optimist Club, installed the officers.

Those who will be in charge of the local club this year are: David N. Spainhour, president; A. E. McCreary, first vice president; Joe Todd, second vice president; Doughton Greene, secretary and treasurer; Nick Stakias, sergeant at arms; Hubert Inman, immediate past president.

Directors for two year terms are Joe Todd, John Miller, Jack Williams; for one year terms Neil Faires, George Flowers, and Nick Stakias.

In addition to being installed as president, Mr. Spainhour was presented a nine year perfect attendance pin. Mr. Stakias and Mr. McCreary received two year pins.

Mr. Flowers was installed also as a new member.

Ned Leftwich, past lieutenant governor and past president of the Lenoir club, presented the Boone Optimist Club with a banner of the Optimist Creed, as a gift from the four members of the Lenoir Optimist Club who were responsible for the forming of the Boone club.

Present at the meeting also was L. E. Dimmette, charter president of the Lenoir Optimist Club. He is Mr. Spainhour's father-in-law.



CHERRY PICKERS.—It's cherry picking time on the campus of Appalachian State Teachers College. Miss Elizabeth Wood, of Columbus, Ohio, and Mrs. Inez Conners, of Shelby, participants in the Foreign Language Institute, climb atop the rear of a truck to pick the red berries.—Photo John Corey.

Parkway Extension News Given Out By Commissioner At Monday Meet

By RALEH TUGMAN

A story book sense of timing at a mid-summer meeting of the Parkway Commission in Boone Monday, gave a dramatic touch to an interruption by a long distance call from the Washington office of Congressman Roy Taylor to announce House approval of a bill looking to the extension of the Blue Ridge Parkway into northern Georgia.

The announcement came midway in a luncheon meeting of Parkway Commission members and guests at the Daniel Boone Inn, where host-member of the Commission, W. R. Winkler and other Boone business men entertained the group. The call came to commission chairman, William Medford, who made the announcement.

The bill would provide \$35,000 for a study to determine whether the Blue Ridge Parkway should be extended through southwest North Carolina into Georgia.

At one point in the debate of the study bill, Republican H. R. Gross of Iowa asked why the state of North Carolina couldn't provide funds for the Parkway study. He withdrew his objection when it was pointed out that the Parkway is federally owned and operated.

The study would be conducted by the Interior and Agriculture departments. If the extension were constructed, it would run about 175 miles past some of North Carolina's mountain water falls.

Other commission members in attendance at the Boone meeting were Vice Chairman Frank H. Brown, Dr. Kelly Bennet, Robert I. Presley, W. F. Osborne, and Mrs. Corinne Killian, secretary of the commission.

Guests attending were Fred J. Overly, superintendent of the Great Smoky Mountain National Park. (continued on page two)



MRS. PAT ROBBINS

Mrs. Robbins Is Red Cross Leader At Blowing Rock

Mrs. Pat Robbins of Blowing Rock has been named Fund Chairman for the town of Blowing Rock for the Red Cross Fund drive which begins July 15 and continues through August 15.

Mrs. George W. Grove is serving as co-chairman, Mrs. J. D. Jones, treasurer, and Mrs. Carrie Johnson, Mrs. Fred Fincke and Mrs. W. W. Williamson will work in key posts as committee members.

"Our quota this year is \$500.00 for the town of Blowing Rock," said Mrs. Robbins, and it is very important that we meet that quota to continue the services offered by Watauga Red Cross, one of the most vital being the blood bank. (continued on page two)

Parkway Travel Up

Roanoke, Va.—The Bluffs District of the Blue Ridge Parkway had a total of 178,699 visitors during June, Parkway headquarters here reported this week.

The Bluffs District consists of the Parkway area from the Virginia line to west of Blowing Rock. The headquarters is Laurel Springs. The district had 154,203 visitors in June, 1960.

Parkway headquarters said the four districts of the parkway reported 753,418 visitors last month and 702,558 in June, 1960.

The Asheville District counted 306,927 visitors in June as compared with 284,249 in June, 1960.

The district covers the parkway from near Mt. Mitchell, about 28 miles north of Asheville, to the scenic highway's southern terminus in the Great Smoky Mountains National Park near Cherokee.

The districts in Virginia—James River and Rocky Knob—reported 122,938 and 144,854 respectively during June. Both were decreases from the totals of June, 1960.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Briggs and Mr. Chester Jackson were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Crawford. Mr. Briggs has just completed a two week's stay in Paducah, Kentucky, where he was filmed in a new picture with Spencer Tracy.

TAX RATE UPPED 5 CENTS

Watauga Budget Estimate Anticipates Revaluation

Local Levy To Produce Sum Of \$255,170

The Watauga County tax rate for the coming year has been set at \$1.00 rather than at 95 cents, the additional five cents to be placed in a fund to be used for payment of the 1962 revaluation of real estate in the county.

The one dollar rate is based on a valuation of \$26,000,000 and is expected to raise \$260,000, which added to the dog tax of \$2,400 and the poll tax of \$6,200, will bring the total from the local levy to \$268,600.

Forty-one cents of the levy goes to the general fund, 8 cents to the health and welfare fund, 2 cents to the debt service fund, 29 cents to the school fund, 14 cents to the social security fund, and 6 cents to welfare administration.

A five per cent allowance, or \$13,430, is made for insolvents which would leave the net tax revenue at \$255,170.

A break down of the budget estimate shows receipts of \$3,280 from the state intangibles tax, tax penalties bring \$2,500, cost on tax sales \$500, court costs, \$5,000, schedule B licenses \$1,000, marriage licenses \$400, interest \$1,500, miscellaneous \$800, and State aid for the Veterans' Service Officer \$1,000.

State and Federal grants are: welfare administration \$12,000, fines and forfeitures \$15,000, old age assistance \$130,248.00, aid to dependent children \$158,400.00, aid to totally and permanently disabled \$55,242.00, equalization \$7,000.00, hospitalization \$7,042.50, State aid to library \$4,000.00. The estimated expense in excess of revenue is \$7,686.50. The total estimated revenue is \$672,489.00.

Estimated expenses include for tax releases and tax collector's commission \$11,000, general fund expenses \$116,568.00, health and welfare \$50,669.00, State literary note retirements \$2,600.00, State literary note interest \$855.00, school expenses \$92,457.00, old age assistance \$149,040.00, aid to dependent children \$176,640.00, aid to permanently and totally disabled \$63,360.00 and hospitalization \$9,300.00.

Money Order Fees Changed

New money order fees which became effective July 1, are as follows:

Up to \$10, 20c; \$10.01 to \$50, 30c; \$50.01 to \$100.00, 35c.

Mr. R. C. Winebarger, secretary-treasurer of the N. C. Rural Letter Carriers Association, says that since the application blanks will not show the new fees for several months it would be well for patrons to clip these figures and keep for future use.



MEETING PRINCIPALS.—John Hollar (left) and S. C. Eggers (right) pose with Rufus R. Clarke, president of the Federal Land Bank of Columbia, S. C., who made the main address at the annual Stockholders meeting of Federal Land Bank Association of Boone Saturday morning. Mr. Hollar is manager of the local association and Mr. Eggers president.—Staff photo.

1,000 Hear Land Bank Official Speak; Lower Interest Rate Noted

J. E. Holshouser Resigns As U. S. Dist. Attorney



J. E. HOLSHOUSER

James E. Holshouser of Boone who had resigned as district attorney for the middle district of North Carolina, effective July 6, agreed to a request that he hold office until July 14.

Holshouser announced earlier he had resigned and that the resignation had been accepted by the Department of Justice. The department made the request that he remain in office until next Friday. (Continued on page two)

Nearly a thousand persons heard Rufus R. Clarke say Saturday that the Federal Land Bank Association of Boone and the Federal Land Bank of Columbia (S. C.) have taken the lead in supplying long term credit to farmers. Mr. Clarke is president of the Federal Land Bank of Columbia, and he was speaking at the annual stockholders meeting of the Boone F. L. B. A., in the Boone Elementary School auditorium.

Mr. Clarke told the group of stockholders, their friends and families that even though they had borrowed money at the contract rate of 6% interest, they would only pay back this year at the rate of 5 1/2%.

He attributed this savings for the borrowers to the fact that the land bank had such a good record in the finance world and that its reputation and strength had grown so that the organization was able to secure money at a good rate. The association, being owned by the stockholders, whose borrowers are the stockholders, just passes the savings on to the stockholders.

In predicting future growth of the local association and the Federal Land Bank of Columbia, with which the Boone group is affiliated, Mr. Clarke said, "Only a few years ago your association had less than a million in loans. Today it is a three million dollar association. Only six years ago the Federal Land Bank of Columbia was a \$73,000,000 bank. Today it is a \$190,000,000 bank—and I predict that five years from now we will be a \$300,000,000 bank."

He said the FLB has no trouble getting money needed to carry on its business. "Our money supply is unlimited because we buy it on the open market. We sell bonds to get our money and the public knows that our bonds are the best they can buy," he said as he explained the growth of the lending agency.

Appearing on the stage as special visitors were M. K. Matthews, director of the Land Banks Service, Washington, D. C., and J. H. Warren, president of the Winston-Salem Federal Land Bank Association.

Boone is the "first" association in the nation for size in attendance, and Mr. Matthews praised the local group and its officers for their fine record in attendance.

S. C. Eggers, president of the Boone association, introduced Mr. Clarke and welcomed the stockholders and special guests. John H. Hollar, Boone manager, gave out the printed financial statement which showed the local association (continued on page two)

Winkler Is Given Auto Assn. Post



W. R. WINKLER

Raleigh, July 10—W. R. Winkler of Winkler Motor Company Incorporated in Boone has been appointed to serve as area chairman of the North Carolina Automobile Dealers Association for Watauga County, it was announced today by Rupert E. Atkins, President. Winkler will act as liaison officer between new car and truck dealers in Watauga county and the State and National Associations.

In announcing the appointment, Atkins said Winkler will keep his area informed of State and National affairs affecting the retail automotive industry and will advise NCADA and NADA of local happenings. Winkler will also head a county wide membership campaign for both organizations in (continued on page two)

Howell Is Given IRC Scholarship



ROBERT GENE HOWELL

Robert Gene Howell has been named by International Resistant Company officials as the recipient of the IRC Watauga County Science Scholarship. The scholarship, worth \$1,000, at the rate of \$250 per year, will be awarded annually, according to Carl Smith, manager of the Boone division of IRC.

Mr. Howell's selection was based on transcripts of his four years grades at Appalachian High School. He was among several that competed for the scholarship from the high schools in Watauga county, and his final selection was made by the operating staff of the Boone plant. He also had to express a desire to follow a science career on his application to be eligible. It was necessary that he be accepted at the college of his choice before making application for the scholarship.

Mr. Howell, who is the son of (Continued on page two)

To Democrat Subscribers

Subscribers living in North Carolina are again reminded that subscriptions are now taxed at 3 per cent.

A number of renewals have been received by mail locally with only \$2.50 enclosed, where it should be \$2.58. We have to pay this tax on the very low subscription rate. If a reader lives outside Watauga County but in the State, his subscription is \$3.00 per year plus tax, and he will need to send \$3.09.

We would appreciate complete cooperation in this regard.

Due to taxes, increased cost of publication, etc., the newsstand price of the Democrat is now 6 cents, the first time this price has been changed since the founding of the newspaper 73 years ago.

County Rescue Squad Ready For Operation

The Watauga County Rescue Squad is now ready for operation, according to Capt. R. W. Watkins. The squad now owns a panel truck and has a boat, outboard motor and resuscitator available for use.

Members of the squad are now taking training in first aid, safety and rescue techniques.

The Rescue Squad is still in need of several items of equipment in order to be able to handle emergencies effectively, and donations are being sought from anyone in-

terested in helping. Persons interested in making contributions may leave them with Zeb Kirk at Kirk's Restaurant, James Marsh at Watauga Savings and Loan Association, or with any member of the squad.

The rescue truck and equipment was on display on King Street last Saturday. The Rescue Squad meets each Thursday night at 7:00 o'clock, in the Appalachian State Teachers College Physical Education Building and applications from qualified men are still being accepted.



OPTIMIST CLUB OFFICERS.—These men figured in the installation of officers for the Boone Optimist Club Monday night. They are, left to right, seated, Hubert Inman, immediate past president; Joe Todd, vice president; David N. Spainhour, president; A. E. McCreary, standing, L. E. Dimmette, member Lenoir club; Ned Leftwich, Lenoir; Hugh Cranford, of Charlotte, who installed the officers; John Miller, Nick Stakias, Neil Faires, and Jack Williams, directors.—Photo Flowers Photo Shop.

Frost Seen On Monday

Light to fairly heavy frost was reported from different sections of the county Monday morning.

Temperatures in some cases were said to have been as low as 26 degrees but in Boone the official weather station gave a low of 40 degrees. No damage to vegetation was reported.

Frosts in May and even June are not too unusual in this vicinity, but most folks hereabouts don't seem to recall when the chill white blanket was spread about as late as the tenth of July.