

BOONE WEATHER			
1961	High	Low	6 pm prec.
Aug. 29	82	64	77
Aug. 30	80	58	77
Aug. 31	80	54	71
Sept. 1	79	63	70 .06
Sept. 2	79	69	71
Sept. 3	82	61	77 .06
Sept. 4	80	62	70
Total rainfall—16 inch.			

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MILE HIGH SWINGING BRIDGE AT GRANDFATHER MOUNTAIN OVERLOOKS BEAUTIFUL SCENERY

—Hugh Morton Photo

FROSH START ORIENTATION

A. S. T. C. Enrollment Is Expected To Reach 2,500

Twenty-Four New Members In Faculty

The largest enrollment in the history of Appalachian State Teachers College is expected when figures are available from the influx of students and teachers which began last Tuesday.

Registrar H. R. Eggers says the latest figures show that 1051 new students will be on campus. Added to the approximately 1500 returning students expected, Mr. Eggers sees a final enrollment for the fall quarter of between 2,400 and 2,500.

The first event of the new year was the series of faculty meetings which began on Tuesday afternoon at ten o'clock. Covering almost all of three days, the faculty seminars were devoted largely to further facts about the self-duty in which the college is now engaged and which will continue throughout the coming year. A faculty picnic was given by the college at Camp Broadstone on Tuesday afternoon. The faculty meetings were presided over by Dean of the College, D. J. Whitener and Dr. W. H. Plemmons, president of the college, extended the official welcome.

The freshmen arrived on campus on Tuesday afternoon, and began their program of orientation on Wednesday morning. Included, for the remainder of the week for the freshmen, are tests of various kinds, fellowship get-togethers and other social events, programs by the various churches in the town, and a reception given by the college for the freshmen.

Transfer students from other colleges will come to the campus on Friday for a series of orientation meetings, and will register with the upperclassmen on Monday, September 11.

New faculty members, who have participated in the week's activities, number twenty-four. They include:

Miss Mary Brown Allgood, formerly at Pennsylvania State University, chairman of the department of home economics; Miss Mary Jean Ashbrook, former mathematical programmer with the National Weather Records Center, instructor in mathematics; Ellis G. Boatman, formerly at Florence Extension Center of University of South Carolina, assistant professor in social studies; Miss Alma Burkett, former high school English teacher, instructor in English; Mrs. May Evans Denton, former science teacher for WUNC-TV, associate professor in biology; Eugene C. Drozdowski, former instructor at Kent State University, assistant professor of social studies; Mrs. Frances S.

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Mrs. Greene, 93, Dies Tuesday At Blowing Rock

Mrs. Channie Rebecca Greene, 93 year old widow of Waittel Greene, Route 1, Blowing Rock, died August 29 at Watauga Hospital after a long illness.

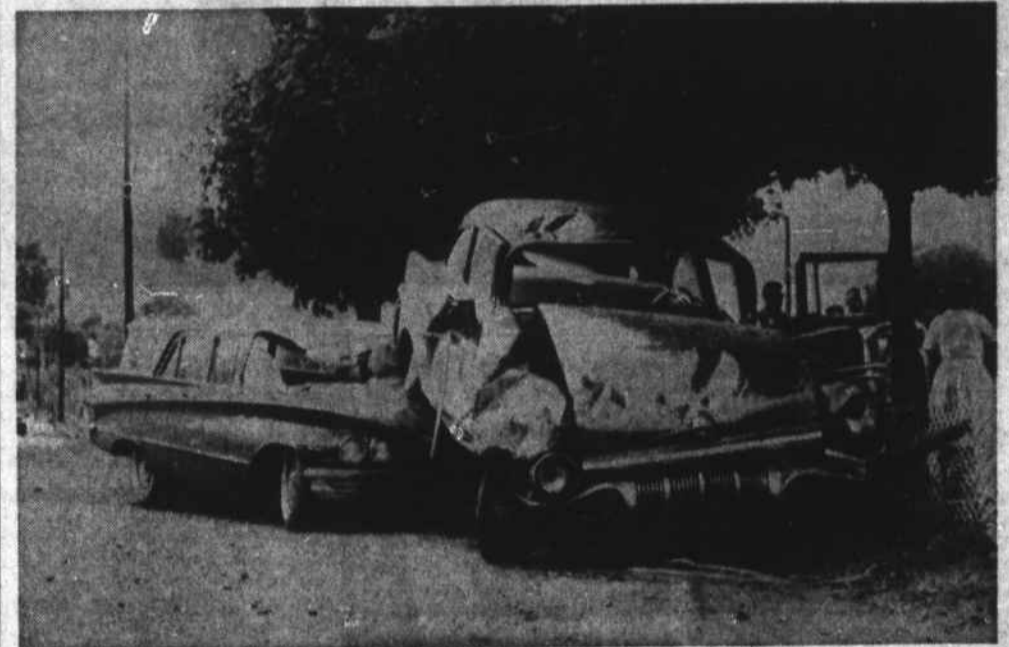
Funeral services were conducted August 31 at 11:00 a. m. in the Middle Fork Baptist Church by the Rev. Raymond Hendrix, the Rev. W. T. Brackett, and the Rev. Harold Hayes. Burial was in the church cemetery.

She is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Lelia Harrison, Route 4, Boone; Mrs. Bessie Holfield, Greenville, S. C.; four sons, Fred and Floyd Greene, both of Route 1, Blowing Rock, Bynum and Milt Greene, both of Boone; one step son, Dock Greene, Lenoir; a sister, Mrs. Victor Greene, Route 1, Blowing Rock; four brothers, Talt and Philmore Ford, Route 1, Blowing Rock, Squire Ford, Statesville, and Dock Ford, Lenoir. There are 22 grandchildren and 34 great grandchildren.

There will be fun and entertainment as well as a business session. A fifteen man board of directors will be elected by the members to represent them in policy-making decisions effecting the operations of the member-owned corporation.

Twenty-two hundred dollars in scholarships will be awarded to the winners of the annual essay contest sponsored by the locally-owned organization.

Accident Damages 3 Cars



—Photo Flowers' Photo Shop

ACCIDENT AT COVE CREEK PRODUCES FREAKISH PARKING OF CARS.

Ted Tester Stevens, 20, of Sherwood, received a reckless driving citation when the 1957 Pontiac he was driving went out of control. The car hit a bank on the left side of the highway, turned over, and bounced up in the air across the highway, and landed on top of a 1960 Buick. The impact knocked the Buick into a 1955 Oldsmobile.

Stevens' only visible hurt was a small cut on his head. This was the description of an accident by investigating Patrolman George E. Baker. The accident happened at 9:30 o'clock Friday morning in front of the Cove Creek Elementary School, on U. S. Highway 421. The Buick, belonging to Jimmy

Farthing Mast of Sugar Grove, was estimated to be damaged approximately \$700.00 worth. The Oldsmobile, belonging to Albert Henson of Boone, was damaged approximately \$100.00. The Pontiac, belonging to Ted Stevens' father, Lloyd Stevens of Sherwood, was considered a total loss.

Miss Rivers NCEA Editor



MISS REBEKAH RIVERS

Raleigh—Miss Rebekah Rivers, assistant editor of The Carolina Farmer, and Boone native, has been named to the newly created position of assistant editor on the North Carolina Education Association staff. She assumes her new duties on Monday, September 18.

In her new position she will assist Dr. W. Amos Abrams in the editing and publishing of the North Carolina Education and the NCEA publications.

"Our Board of Directors feels that we are fortunate in obtaining Miss Rivers, for her experience and background eminently qualify her for this position," stated Dr. A. C. Dawson, NCEA Executive Secretary.

Miss Rivers worked for the Tarheel Electric Membership Association for the past 9 years as assistant editor and in various capacities in the work of the Association.

A Boone native, she received degrees from Appalachian State Teachers College, the Sorbonne in Paris, and did graduate work at George Washington University and Appalachian.

She taught in Arlington, Va. and at a summer session at Appalachian, and then served in the U. S. Treasury Attache's office in Paris for three years.

In 1957, "Becky" was selected as Raleigh's Community Ambassador to Finland. This experience led to extensive speaking engagements.

Other experience includes work on weekly newspapers, the office of a United States Senator, and editorial and technical workshops.

Miss Rivers is active in the United Church of Raleigh and in many civic activities.

Miss Triplett Goes To Raleigh

Miss Kathryn Triplett, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ernie C. Triplett of the Matney Community, Banner Elk, left Wednesday, August 30, for Raleigh where she will teach in the Garner school. Miss Triplett is a recent graduate of East Carolina College.

Eligible Farmers Will Go To Polls To Choose Administrators For ASC

In just a few days it will be election time—Monday, Sept. 11, in every one of the 10 designated farm communities in Watauga County.

These elections will give the eligible farmers in each of these communities an opportunity to vote for the farmer-committeemen they want to administer the programs of the Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service in 1962. Any farmer is eligible who, as owner, tenant, operator, or share-cropper, is participating or is eligible to participate in any of the programs administered by the County ASC Committee.

And now just a word about these Committeemen. They are farmers. They live in the community where they are elected. They are elected by their neighbors.

The delegates to the County Convention where the County Committee is elected are farmers too. The members of both the Community and County Committees have to be farmers to be eligible.

The Committeemen administer the Agricultural Conservation Program. This program provides direct assistance to farmers to help them carry out soil and water conservation practices on their own farm. It helps farmers to obtain seed and lime and phosphate for building up good pasture—for cover crops—and green manure. These are just examples. There are a lot of other conservation practices.

And the Committees help farmers use Price Support Programs to protect their market. They will administer Acreage Allotment and Marketing Quota Programs on tobacco and wheat. They will also administer the Conservation Reserve Program, the Wool Program and the Feed Grain Program.

These are all valid reasons for every eligible farmer to vote in the ASCS elections. Don't forget. Don't let September 11 pass without casting your ballot.

216 Farms Added To ASC Program

Two Hundred and sixteen farms were added during the month of August to the number of farms now participating in the Agricultural Conservation Program. The total number now stands at 1530 farms, or 60.5 per cent of the total number of farms in the county.

A small amount of funds is still available for new farms and owners of such farms are urged to file for assistance at the ASCS office within the next two weeks. Seasonal practices now are the establishment of pastures and meadows, liming farmland, improvement of established pastures and meadows, timber stand improvement, drainage and winter cover crops.

U. S. is watching Britain's tariff policy.

Fallout Shelters Are Being Urged

The Board of County Commissioners met Friday night with Dr. R. H. Harmon, Civil Defense Director for Watauga county, and the group discussed the urgency of the world situation from the civil defense viewpoint and voiced their belief that citizens should construct fallout shelters without delay.

The commissioners, W. C. Lentz, Dr. Gene Reese and Bynum Greene, authorized the issuance of this statement:

"In view of the present emergency and the realization that the need will continue indefinitely, the Board of Commissioners and the Civil Defense Director go on record as urging all the people of Watauga county to build family fallout shelters as soon as practical."

Dr. Harmon said that plans would be forthcoming to aid in the construction of these shelters and that citizens should get in touch with him in this regard.

Hagaman Quits As Postmaster At Reese

Effective at the close of business August 31, Donley G. Hagaman retired as postmaster at the Reese post office.

Mr. Hagaman had been in charge of the office since July 1, 1946. He had conducted the office in connection with a general store which he has been operating in the Beaver Dam community for many years.

Mr. Hagaman was succeeded by his granddaughter, Mrs. Ruth R. Braswell. She was installed as acting postmaster by a postal inspector pending the likelihood of a Civil Service examination for the permanent position.

An honorary certificate was presented the outgoing postmaster by R. G. Greene, field services officer Post Office Department, Asheville, who was acting in behalf of the Post Office Department and Postmaster General Day. A certificate of designation as acting postmaster was also presented to Mrs. Braswell by the field official.

The office will continue to be operated in the same location.

Legion Meeting

Legion Post No. 352 will meet Tuesday night, September 12, at 7:30 o'clock, at the Legion Hut at Deep Gap, it was announced by Mr. Wade Moretz.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Dunn of Chicago are visiting this week with Mr. Dunn's sister, Mrs. Fred Church and Mr. Church. Their guests last week were Mr. and Mrs. Carl Schults of Kankakee, Ill.

Deep Gap Man Fatally Hurt In Arizona Crash

Walter Monroe Greer, Jr., 37 year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter M. Greer of Deep Gap, was killed in an auto-truck accident in Phoenix, Arizona, August 27.

Funeral services were conducted September 2 in the Laurel Springs Baptist Church by the Rev. E. O. Gore, the Rev. Ed Crump, and the Rev. Homer Greene. Burial was in the church cemetery.

In addition to the parents, he is survived by a sister, Mrs. Herman Greene, Salisbury, Md.; four brothers, William F., Kenneth Brook, Quentin Allen Greer, of Deep Gap, and Kent T. Greer, Atlanta, Ga.

Spencer Thomas Dies On Friday

Garret Spencer Thomas, 65 year old farmer of the North Fork community, died September 1, after being hospitalized in the Veterans' Hospital at Mountain Home, Tenn.

Funeral services were conducted at Union Baptist Church Sunday, September 3, at 2:00 p. m. Ministers were the Rev. R. C. Eggers and the Rev. Barney Oliver.

He is survived by the widow, Mrs. Polly Greene Thomas; two sons, Floyd and Russell Thomas, both of Route 1, Trade, Tenn.; one sister, Mrs. Grayden Campbell of Zionville; two brothers, Alfred and Hamp Thomas, both of Trade. There are three grandchildren.

30% Watauga Households Had Incomes Of \$4,000 Last Year

(Special to the Democrat) New York, Aug. 28 (Park Row News Service)—The income gains that residents of Watauga County have achieved during the last few years have carried many families into new and higher income brackets.

The upward movement has been a general one, with the result that a greater proportion of the local population is to be found in the over \$4,000 groups and a smaller proportion in the below \$4,000 groups than ever before.

Such are the findings reached in

a copyrighted study, made by Sales Management, to determine how the population is divided in terms of income brackets.

Every area of the country is included in the breakdown, one of the purposes of which was to find out what the so-called "average income" of each locality consists of.

Is it made up of a small number of families with high incomes compensating for a large number with very low incomes or are earnings more evenly distributed? Some 30.5 percent of Watauga

County's households, it is shown, had cash incomes last year of \$4,000 or more, after taxes.

By comparison only 21.1 percent of the local households were in the over \$4,000 brackets two years ago, when a similar study was conducted.

The rise, 9.4 percent, was greater than the rise elsewhere in the United States, 5.3 percent. It was 6.3 percent in the South Atlantic States.

In varying degrees, there has been an improvement in family (Continued on page two)

OBSERVE SILVER ANNIVERSARY

Blue Ridge Co-op Members To Hold Annual Meeting Saturday

All roads will lead to Hudson High School in Caldwell County this Saturday afternoon where the members of Blue Ridge Electric Membership Corporation will gather for their annual membership meeting. This year's meeting is extra special because it is the cooperative's silver anniversary celebration commemorating the founding and growth of rural electrification in Northwest North Carolina.

According to C. E. Viverette, General Manager of Blue Ridge Electric Membership Corporation, more than 5,000 people are expected to attend the half-day affair. Among the notables participating in the program will be the Honorable L. Y. Ballentine, State Commissioner of Agriculture, who will present the feature address, Senator Sam J. Ervin, Congressman Hugh Alexander, and Mayor Harper Beall, Jr. of Lenoir.

One of the highlights of the meeting will be the unveiling of a portrait of Mr. George Finley Messick, the first manager of the cooperative. The portrait was painted by Mr. Charles Pastelle of Edgemont.

There will be fun and entertain-



L. Y. BALLENTINE

ment as well as a business session. A fifteen man board of directors will be elected by the members to represent them in policy-making decisions effecting the operations of the member-owned corporation.

Twenty-two hundred dollars in scholarships will be awarded to the winners of the annual essay contest sponsored by the locally-owned organization.

Door prizes valued at over \$1,300.00 including an electric range, freezer, dryer, television set and one-hundred and fifty electric blankets will be given away.

The children are not to be left home to miss out on this gala occasion. A special program for them includes prizes, games, a band, a movie of Disneyland, authentic Indian dances, and refreshments.

Blue Ridge Electric Membership Corporation invites and encourages all of its members to join in this annual meeting and help celebrate "A century of progress in twenty-five years."

Mrs. Henkel Rites Today

Mrs. C. V. Henkel of Turnersburg and Blowing Rock, died Monday evening after a long illness.

Funeral services will be held from the home at Turnersburg this (Wednesday) afternoon at 4 o'clock.