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1962	1961	1960	1959
Jan. 9	25	21	28
Jan. 10	32	5	34
Jan. 11	27	2	50
Jan. 12	26	14	56
Jan. 13	43	12	51
Jan. 14	44	8	43
Jan. 15	45	31	40
Total precipitation—29.2 in. snow			

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SITE OF NEW TOWN HALL, ON WEST KING STREET

Sinclair Oil Station To Be Site Of Boone's New City Hall

The city council has bought the Sinclair filling station lot on the south side of West King Street as the site for a new city hall.

The property which was purchased from the Farmers Hardware & Supply Co. and D. L. Wilcox for \$38,000, is a part of the old W. L. Bryan property, and has been used for an oil station for a great many years. It fronts ninety feet on the Street and goes back to a depth of 100 feet, and in the opinion of the council, will provide enough space for the municipal building, for storage of certain supplies and for the necessary parking of official cars, and those of taxpayers having business with the city officials.

The council bought the property following an open meeting of the board held Thursday night, when the small group of citizens were given an opportunity to speak out for or against the proposal, after Mayor Wade E. Brown had offered a detailed explanation of the move to provide better quarters for the city government. Only about twenty-five attended.

Present plans, it was said Tuesday, call for the grading of the basement level to the rear of the oil station building right away, and the pouring of the street level concrete floor which

may be used for parking. The present building will be remodeled to the extent it may be used for the city offices until final building plans are made and construction work is started.

Official sources expressed the opinion that the city hall will be constructed as quickly as possible.

Miss Childers Transferred

Miss Jean Childers, Watauga County Home Economics Agent, will be transferred to Transylvania county to serve in a similar position, beginning February 1.

The appointment was made by the North Carolina Extension Service and the Transylvania County Board of Commissioners.

The position in Watauga county will be filled by Mrs. Lillian H. Danner, assistant Home Economics Agent here for the past four years. Mrs. Danner is a native of Haywood county and a graduate of Western Carolina College.

The Watauga County Board of Commissioners and the North Carolina Extension Service appointed Mrs. Danner as Home Economics Agent.

Industrial Dinner Meeting To Be Held In Boone January 29

The County Board of Directors of the Northwest North Carolina Development Association announced today that a county-wide industrial dinner meeting will be held Monday, January 29 in the Boone Elementary School cafeteria at 7:00 p.m.

Mr. Hank Snyder, recently retired assistant works manager of Western Electric Company, will present the program. Mr. Snyder will give local facts pertaining to industrialization. These facts are useful to all people in our county not only from the standpoint of getting new industry, but from the standpoint of understanding what is involved in education of youth, the philosophy of work, etc. One of the big tasks, Mr. Snyder said, "is the conditioning and preparation of our local people for greater industrialization rather than just bringing in prospects."

All high school seniors will be asked to attend as guests of Watauga Savings and Loan Association and The Northwestern Bank.

It is hoped that the following



HENRY F. SNYDER

will also attend the meeting: county commissioners, town officials of Boone and Blowing Rock, County Board of Education, superintendent and principals of schools, Master of Granges, president of Farm Bureau, representatives from all communities, commanders of VFW and American Legion, representatives from the Women's clubs, representatives from the Garden Clubs, directors of the Blue Ridge Electric Membership Corporation and Skyline Telephone Corporation, representatives from all industries in the county, representatives

Many Arrests Made In 1961

Chief of Police Glenn Richardson reports that his department made a total of 140 arrests during 1961, which does not include parking meter citations.

Broken down, there were 68 arrests for drunkenness, six for driving drunk, thirteen for speeding, two for reckless driving, twenty-one for running through stop signs, twelve for running red lights, seven for assault, two for forgery, four for larceny, and five for possession of spirituous beverages.

Chief Richardson states that at the same time his department investigated seventy-two automobile accidents in the city during the year.

The head of the local police department points out that things are running smoothly in town and that even during the holidays there was a minimum of disturbance. In submitting the impressive list of arrests the Chief wishes to thank the people for their splendid cooperation with the department in the past.



R. L. TAIT

R. L. Tait, AHSTeacher, Dies Monday

Reginald Lawrence Tait, 66, "dean of the faculty" at Appalachian High School, died Monday night at 9:15 o'clock at Watauga Hospital, where he was taken earlier following a heart attack at his home on Locust Street. He had taught his classes Monday.

Survivors include the widow, Mrs. Polly Beard Tait; a son, James B. Tait, of Bowling Springs; two daughters, Mr. A. W. Fountain of Jacksonville, Fla., and Mrs. Mary Jane Gresham of Boone; two brothers, Tunstall Tait of Grave Hill, Ala., and Ben Tait of Greenville, Ala.; five sisters, Mrs. Ida May McCrary and Mrs. Glenn

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Rites Held For Mrs. Ford, 75

Mrs. Martha Blanche Coffey Ford, 75, of Boone, Rt. 4, wife of Filmore G. Ford, died Sunday at her home.

She was born in Watauga County to Thomas Calvin and Ellen Cook Coffey.

Surviving are her husband; seven sons, William S. Ford of Lenoir, Rt. 8, Ralph Ford of Blowing Rock, David Ford of Lenoir, John F. Ford of Boone, Rt. 4, Thomas B. and Marion Glen Ford, both of Boone, and Farthing G. Ford of Lexington; four daughters, Mrs. Clyde Jackson of Todd, Mrs. Ronda Hampton and Mrs. Lonnie Harrison, both of Lenoir, and Mrs. Elster Church of Fleetwood; two brothers, Marion O. Coffey of Boone, Rt. 4, and Joe L. Coffey of Deep Gap; two sisters, Mrs. B. A. Hampton of Boone, Rt. 4, and Mrs. Kinney Brown of Boone, Rt. 1; 54 grandchildren and 32 great-grandchildren.

The funeral was conducted at 2 p. m. Tuesday at Laurel Fork Baptist Church by the Rev. Carlton Eggers and the Rev. Raymond Hendrix. Burial followed in the family cemetery.

Snyder Had Varied Career

Henry F. Snyder, retired Assistant Works Manager, Western Electric Company, recently named head of the Industrial Planning Group of the North Carolina Development Association, started his career with Western Electric on September 20, 1912, as an assembler at the Hawthorne Works in Chicago, Illinois. He received his first supervisory assignment in 1915. After serving in the Army

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Fallout Shelter Space To Be Located, Mapped

Whiteside In Charge Of Survey

Dr. R. H. Harmon, Civil Defense Director for Watauga county, announced this week that the firm of Six Associates, Inc., architects and engineers of Asheville, are making a survey to locate and mark public fallout shelter space in Boone, Blowing Rock, College Campus, and other areas in the county, including the schools.

Similar surveys are being conducted throughout the country in a nationwide effort to locate and mark existing facilities which will provide adequate protection against radioactive fallout. Preliminary estimates indicate that suitable shelter will be found for approximately one-fourth of the country's population, or 50 million people.

The National Fallout Shelter Survey Program is under the direction of the assistant secretary of Defense for Civil Defense, Stuart L. Pittman, with the responsibility for direct supervision of the surveys resting with the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers and the Navy Bureau of Yards and Docks.

Dr. Harmon said, "Six Associates, Inc." are under contract to our district Army Engineer to do the field work of the fallout shelter survey in the counties of Watauga, Ashe, and Avery. To qualify before obtaining this government contract several members of the firm received intensive specialized training in structural analysis of fallout shelters at a school sponsored by the Department of Defense.

James Whiteside will do the local survey work for Six Associates, Inc. Their initial job will be to fill out a form which will describe the structural components of each building which appears to offer a substantial degree of protection from radioactive fallout for at least 50 people.

The completed forms will be processed and sent to the data processing center of the Bureau of Census. Here a film optical sensing device for input to com-

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INDUSTRIAL ARTS BUILDING

New Industrial Arts Activity Newest Program At College

The Industrial Arts Department of Appalachian State Teachers College began its official course offerings winter quarter of the present academic year.

The department, youngest of Appalachian's academic fields, had its beginning in 1958 when the money was appropriated to build the present plant.

Dr. Howard S. Decker, the present chairman of the Industrial Arts Department, came to Appalachian in 1959 and immediately began work to get the new building under construction.

March, 1960, saw the construction underway and by October, 1961, the building was occupied by the present staff and students.

The department's faculty consists of Dr. Decker and Mr. David Rigby, a woodworking specialist. Mr. Rigby comes to Appalachian from the Training School of Woman's College in Greensboro. He has the unique distinction of teaching more students whose work has won awards for excellence than any other instructor in the United States.

With these two men and the addition to the staff that is to come next fall, the department is well on its way to reaching its goal of quality and excellence of workmanship and teacher training.

Among the other activities of the department, the staff and twelve students will attend a national meeting of Industrial

Arts personnel at Pittsburg in April.

A newly-formed Industrial Arts Club with thirty members is augmenting the academic program.

The department will have its first student teachers of Industrial Arts fall quarter of 1962 and will graduate its first class in May of 1963.

The newly-formed curriculum includes five areas: Electronics, Woods, Metals, Drafting, and General Shop, which includes

photography, printing, leather, art metals, and jewelry.

Commenting on the purpose and aims of the department, Dr. Decker states, "We see Industrial Arts as an aspect of technical education. We feel that the technical aspect of American life is becoming increasingly more important and that at trade fairs and world fairs we want to show a picture of America. A major portion of that picture can be seen in what America produces."

"Since this is a part of life and since our school systems must reflect life, we feel it must be in the schools.

"Industrial Arts as a school subject must represent the highest state of our country's technical competence. Therefore, we, more than any other department in the state or nation, must stress excellence."

BOWLING MANAGER—Mr. E. E. Jacobs, of Salisbury, co-owner and manager of the Skyline Bowling Lanes, who expects the new sports facility to be open by February 20. Mr. Jacobs, Mrs. Jacobs and 9-year old son Jay have established residence at 921 Faculty Street.

County Committees Named By Development Directors

The local Board of Directors asks the following people to serve on the County Committees for the Northwest North Carolina Development Association for 1962:

- Industry—Glenn Adams, chairman; Alfred Adams, Jerry Coe, Stanley Harris, Dempsey Wilcox, Ralph Winkler.
- Travel and Recreation—Herman Wilcox, chairman; Joe Maples, Harold Rice, Harry Robbins.
- Community Development—Bill Foutz, chairman; Mrs. Lillian Danner, R. G. Shipley, Hade Smith, Mrs. Cecil Swift, Clyde A. Tester.
- Youth—Jack Williams, chairman; E. M. Widner, Jr., Rev. Rhett Winters.
- Agriculture, Beef and Sheep—C. H. Blackburn, chairman;

- Fred Critcher, Fred Greene, B. W. Stallings.
- Dairying, Grade A—I. B. Wilson, chairman; Vance Keller, Dickie Winkler.
- Dairying, Manufactured Milk—Fred Tester, chairman; Hal Cook, Glenn Moore.
- Poultry—Sam Moretz, chairman; Sanford Creed, Homer Critcher.
- Swine—Ralph Wilson, chairman; Wilson Brown, Fred McGuire.
- Tobacco—Roy W. Isley, chairman; Clint Eggers, Ned Glenn.
- Apple Production and Marketing—D. T. Brown, chairman; Johnson Christenbury, Walter Coffey.
- Small Fruits and Vegetables—J. C. Goodnight, chairman; J. C. Stanbury, Dennis Ensley.

Democrat Has New Column Width Today

The Democrat comes from the press today in a slightly narrower page width to conform to the standard measurements used by advertisers and newspaper mat services over the country.

This standardization of the Democrat page, besides bringing conformity to the format, is more pleasing typographically.

This marks the fourth page size of the Democrat. Today each column is one cm narrower, making an 8 col, 11 cm width. Originally the paper was 6 columns 12 cms, a standard measurement before the turn of the century. Later it was changed to 7 columns, 12 cms; and later to 8 columns 12 cms. In adopting the new width to present day standards, it is unlikely that any different measure will be used by the Democrat, certainly not in the foreseeable future.

YDC To Elect New Officers

The Watauga County Young Democrat Club will meet at the courthouse January 29th at 7:30 p. m., it is announced by George C. Thomas, President. The meeting is called, says Mr. Thomas, for the purpose of electing new officers for the year, and he asks that all interested Democrats attend.