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1962	Hi	Lo	precip
Jan. 30	46	38	0
Jan. 31	59	46	15
Feb. 1	50	37	43
Feb. 2	51	31	41
Feb. 3	50	37	29
Feb. 4	56	39	28
Feb. 5	55	40	44
Total rain—17 inches			

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Roy W. Isley Takes Over ASC Office

Vaughn Tugman, chairman of the ASC County Committee, announced this week the selection of Roy W. Isley to succeed M. L. Shepherd, who retired as office manager, effective February 1.

Mr. Isley has been serving with the ASCS since June of 1961 as office manager trainee. He completed six weeks special training in the State ASCS office in Raleigh and has been assigned to the Watauga County ASCS office during the remainder of his training period.

In retiring from the position he had held since 1946, Mr. Shepherd said, "Anything I might say in respect to the wonderful cooperation I have had from the State office, fieldman, office personnel, county and community committeemen, agricultural workers, vendors and the farmers themselves, would not adequately express my feelings toward them individually and collectively."

"Indeed, it has been a great pleasure to have had the opportunity to help make effective the many farm programs which mean so much to the economy of the farmers of our county. Without the cooperation of all this would not be possible. Again, my sincere thanks and best wishes go to each and every one of you."

Mr. Shepherd began his first service in ASCS in 1941 when



ROY W. ISLEY

he worked as a field supervisor, or what is now termed a reporter. In 1942 he was elected a community committeeman, and served in that capacity two years. In 1944 he was employed.

Bill Lentz Has Attack

William Lentz, chairman of the Board of County Commissioners, and Blowing Rock business man, suffered a severe heart attack while hunting near his home Tuesday of last week.

At Blowing Rock Hospital physicians diagnosed the ailment as coronary thrombosis, and said he is improving. They still regard his condition as serious and added that no visitors are permitted.

Piedmont Mountain Line Sold To Helms

Mr. Paul Greene of North Wilkesboro has sold the Piedmont Mountain Freight Lines to Helms Motor Express of Albemarle, which will continue the service afforded this section previously.

Mr. Greene, who is one of the founders of Piedmont Mountain, has been in the business for 25 years. He will be in charge of this division, which had maintained service to North Wilkesboro and Charlotte.

The Helms Company will continue to maintain a terminal at the Wilcox Travel Agency, and will not only render all the services formerly provided by Piedmont but additional ones, it is said. Included will be overnight service to Raleigh, Winston-Salem, Greensboro and on to Wilmington.

With one interchange Helms will be able to deliver freight anywhere in the country. Helms is one of the oldest and largest truck lines in the State, said Mr. H. W. Wilcox, and has pre-



THE ACCUSED AND FRIENDS.—Jesse Dale Rogers, left, 24, of Lenoir, who is being held for the fatal shooting of Tony Cornett of Boone, is shown in the Sheriff's office here with Leroy Nelson, center, 21, and Joe Phillips, 20, both of Lenoir. Nelson and Phillips are said to have been in the car with Rogers when the fatal shooting occurred. At left is .22 caliber revolver said to have been found in Rogers' car.—Flowers photo.



Burley Tobacco Growers To Vote February 20 On Quotas

Burley tobacco growers will vote Tuesday, February 20, on marketing quotas for the next three crops, Vaughn Tugman, chairman of the County Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Committee, reminded farmers this week.

Growers eligible to vote in the referendum are all those who produced burley tobacco in 1961 and shared in the crop or its proceeds. Also, each person who was either the owner or operator of a farm for which a 1961 burley tobacco allotment was established is eligible to vote, even though no tobacco was actually produced on the farm, if any of the allotment was preserved for history purposes.

For the 1962 crop of burley tobacco, the Department of Agriculture has announced a total of 11,488 acres available for allotment in this State. This compares with 10,853 acres available for allotment last year.

"The decision to be made in the quota referendum can be simply stated," Chairman Vaughn said. "If quotas for burley tobacco are approved by at least two-thirds of the growers voting, the law provides that the present program will be continued for the next three crops—with penalties on 'excess' tobacco marketed, acreage allotment and price supports."

"On the other hand, if more than one-third of the voters dis-



APPALACHIAN EMPLOYEE, Mrs. Winnie Greene receives a Golden Heart from Cafeteria Manager John Wellborn in recognition of her faithfulness to the college. Mrs. Greene, who has worked in the cafeteria for the past 24 years, believes in the college enough to support it in every way she can. She doesn't play football but she is interested enough to purchase a seat in the new outdoor football stadium. Her father, the late Bedford Greene, was also a faithful supporter of the college and is well remembered by local folks for his many years of service to the college.—Larry Penley photo.

GOP Convention To Be Held On Feb. 17

A Republican County Convention has been called to meet at the courthouse in Boone Saturday February 17 at 2 o'clock.

Mr. Clyde R. Greene, Chairman of the Republican Executive Committee of Watauga County, in issuing the convention call, states that a county chairman will be elected, and delegates and alternates to the Congressional and State conventions named.

Township meetings will be held at 7 p. m. Friday February 16, Mr. Greene says, for the purpose of setting up the precinct organizations and recommending to the County Convention a man and a woman for membership on the County Executive Committee. They will also elect delegates and alternates to the county convention.

Northwestern Bank Jumps 51 Places In U. S.

The Northwestern Bank jumped 51 places in national ranking to lead gains in deposits by the six commercial banks in North Carolina that were among the top 300 in the nation last year.

Northwestern advanced from Number 318 to Number 267 in the nation according to the ranking by the American Banker, a daily newspaper of banking. Total deposits on December 31, 1961 were \$114,322,112.68 and total resources were \$129,755,367.53.

Accused Is Apprehended In Caldwell

A Friday night argument over a proposed drag race on Blowing Rock road, just outside the Boone city limits ended with the fatal shooting of a Boone man and a Lenoir man being charged with murder.

Boone policeman Raleigh Cottrell said that Marion Tony Cornett, 20, of Route 4, Boone, died in Watauga Hospital, after having been shot in the chest with a .22 calibre pistol at about 11:30 near the Service Distributing Co. Oil Station.

Held in the Watauga County jail is Jesse Dale Rogers, 21, of 172 Overlook Drive, Lenoir, who is said to have fired the fatal shot.

According to Officer Cottrell, the trouble started when the car occupied by Rogers, Joe Phillips and Leroy Nelson, of Lenoir, was approached by one occupied by Cornett, Roger McCroskey and Dale Luttrell of Blowing Rock, who asked Rogers for a drag race. Rogers is said to have refused, and a controversy is said to have developed which resulted in Cornett's threat to "stomp hell out of him" (Rogers). Cottrell says that Rogers insisted he wanted no trouble.

Cornett was then quoted as telling Rogers to get the knife out from between his legs, and Rogers is said to have held up his hands, telling him he had no knife. Again, says Cottrell, Cornett threatened to assault Rogers. When Rogers told him to go away or he'd shoot him, Cornett is alleged to have jerked the door open and told him

Mrs. Church Dies Monday

Mrs. Mary Nettie Greene Church, 86, of Boone, widow of Isaac F. Church, died Monday at the home of a daughter Mrs. Cecil Miller.

Mrs. Church was born in Watauga County to George and Myra Robbins Greene.

Surviving are two daughters, Mrs. Albert Cooper of Lenoir and Mrs. Miller; three sons, C. D. Church of Canton, Fred Church of Boone and I. F. Church of Hickory; a brother, H. E. Greene of Deep Gap; and a sister, Mrs. J. L. Watson of Taylorsville.

The funeral was conducted at 2 p. m. Tuesday at Cranberry Methodist Church by the Rev. James Prichard the Rev. Boyce Brooks and the Rev. E. F. Troutman. Burial was in the family cemetery.

There are eleven grandchildren and eight great grandchildren.

Spence Loses Home In Fire

Dr. H. E. Spence, retired Duke University professor, and summertime pastor of the Blowing Rock Methodist Church, lost his home and contents by fire last Wednesday.

The home located at 3629 Hope Valley Road, Durham, was a one-story frame structure and the entire attic and roof were in flames when the fire trucks arrived. Firemen were unable to control the blaze.

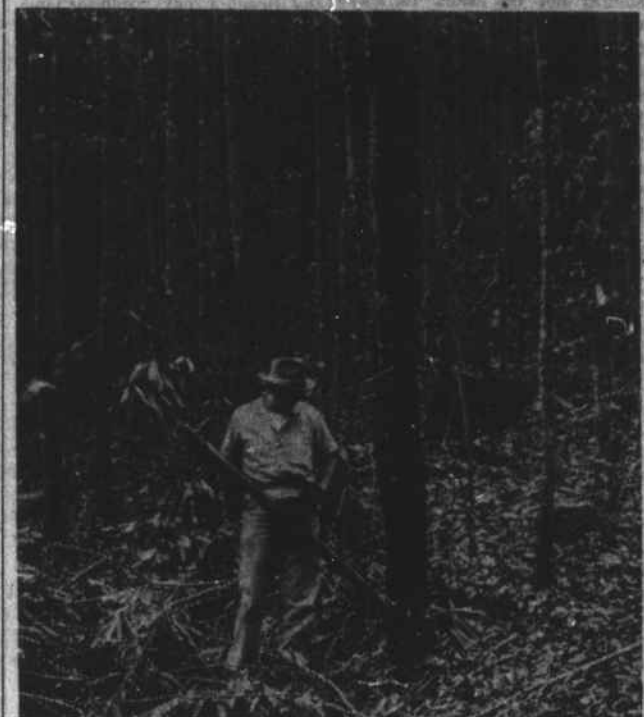
Dr. Spence was quoted as saying that perhaps sparks from a chimney where an open fire had been kindled, ignited the wood shingle roof.

Only a few books and furnishings were saved.

Dr. Spence said he had some insurance but didn't recall the full amount.

LENOIR MAN IS HELD

Tony Cornett Slain In Drag Racing Argument



POISON INJECTOR.—Edgar D. Greene, Soil Conservation Service, demonstrating the use of tree injector to poison cull or undesirable weed trees from a crop of fully stocked poplar tree stand.—SCS photo by Billy L. Foutz.

Cut Your Woodland Weeds

By BILLY L. FOUTZ
Have you cut the weeds from your woodland yet? It is just as essential that weeds be controlled in woodland as in other farm crops. The yield of almost any crop is greatly reduced if weeds are allowed to grow along with the crop.

By working a few days each year in his woodland most farmers in the Watauga Soil Conservation District could make two, three or even four times the money on timber sales they are now making. This work can be done any time during the year and would be a good way to use spare time to increase the income of the farm. A good start would be to work one or two acres each winter. When a farmer understands his needs and the ease by which it is done he will in many cases want to do more than this amount each year.

Cutting vines that climb the trees, cutting or killing worthless cull trees that are crowding the better trees and in some cases thinning the trees for faster growth are some of the things most needed.

Technical advice as to the needs of each farm can be obtained from many sources. A telephone call or a visit to the office of the Soil Conservation Service, County Agent, A. S. C. S., Farmers Home Administration or the Vo-Ag Department of the High School will bring this information. Tools for poisoning are available for rent at the office of the Soil Conservation Service, telephone AM 4-3943.

The ASCS County Committee may approve payment for this work at the rate of \$8.00 per acre. A trip to their office to discuss this practice with them could be profitable.

South, Hodges File For Primary Battle

Clerk of the Court Austin E. South has filed his candidacy for the Democratic nomination to succeed himself, subject to the action of the voters in the May 26th primary, according to R. T. Greer, chairman of the Watauga County Board of Elections.

Dave Hodges filed as a candidate for Justice of the Peace in New River township on the Democratic ticket.

Sheriff E. M. Hodges has also filed for the Democratic nomination for Sheriff.

Mr. Greer says that the filing period closes April 13th. His office is being maintained at his home on Wilkesboro Road, where filing may be taken care of at any time. He will mail filing blanks to anyone requesting them.

Chief In Race For Sheriff

At press time, Chief of Police Glenn Richardson calls the Democrat to say that he has filed his candidacy for the Democratic nomination of Sheriff of Watauga county, subject to the May primary.

The Chief says he has had 23 years experience in law enforcement work, and has been with the local police department for eleven years. He was deputy Sheriff for six years and high Sheriff of Allegheny county four years. He was Sparta Police chief for two years.

Weed Quota Increase In 1962 Slated

Washington.—Agriculture Secretary Freeman announced a 6% increase in burley tobacco farm acreage allotments for the 1962 crop.

The increase makes 348,781 acres available for allotment to burley tobacco farmers this

Tar Heel farmers will have 6 per cent more acres on which they may plant burley tobacco in 1962. This increase was announced by A. F. Hassell, Jr., executive director for the Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation State Committee, who said that 1962 burley tobacco allotments will be factored "across the board" to a figure 6 per cent higher than last year.

This increase was made possible by an improved supply and demand situation as far as burley tobacco is concerned. The burley tobacco allotment to this state last year was 10,853 acres.

year, up from 329,095 acres last year. The total acreage is based on a national marketing quota of 571.8 million pounds, up from 536 million pounds in 1961.

Mr. Freeman set February 20 as the date when growers of burley tobacco will vote on whether they want tobacco controls continued; they have voted to do so every year since the mid-1930s.

Edmisten Goes To Student Legislature



RUFUS L. EDMISTEN

The State Student Legislature will convene in the House of Representatives chamber at Raleigh on March 6 and will remain in session through March 8.

Representatives from all state-supported colleges will meet in a mock-legislative session to propose legislation and pass resolutions.

The University of North Carolina will send the largest delegation, consisting of twelve representatives. Among these will be Rufus L. Edmisten, a pre-law student at the University and the son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter F. Edmisten of Boone.

Ski Slope To Be Open Soon

Work has been progressing on the building at the Blowing Rock Ski Slope during the warm weather of the past few days, and President Wm. Thalheimer says the facility will open this month.

Meantime about two thirds of the stock issue of \$373,000 has been sold, Mr. Thalheimer said. Great interest has been shown in the stock, and it may be purchased through the Ski Lodge, he added.

Chamber To Hear Report On Ski Slope

A report on the construction of the Beech Mountain ski facility which will be accomplished this year, will be a feature of the regular monthly meeting of the Chamber of Commerce at the Daniel Boone Inn at noon February 13, says Herman W. Wilcox, President.

Mr. Jack Williams will present the ski report, since he and his staff are in charge of the project.

Mr. Harry Robbins will report on the progress of the \$800,000 expansion program at the Tweetsie railroad.

It is also hoped, says Mr. Wilcox, that there will be a report on the definite date for the Blowing Rock Ski opening.

YDC Meeting Next Monday

The YDC will meet Monday, February 12 at 7:30 p. m. at the Boone Trail Restaurant. President James Dugger will make appointments to committees, and all members holding books are asked to make a report of their work.