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BOONE WEATHER				
1962	High	Low	prec.	1961
April 24	70	35	.05	69
April 25	74	38		78
April 26	73	44		67
April 27	74	40		65
April 28	71	51		63
April 29	69	56	.02	63
April 30	80	49	.13	59

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**WATER TANK REPAIRED.**—Mayor Wade E. Brown examines work following repairing of Boone's oldest water storage tank. A complete renovation was given the tank, which included welding of badly rusted places inside and out of the tank, cleaning and repainting. Although the tank had been painted this was the first time any work had been done on the inside since its installation in the middle 1920s when Boone began

installation of its present water system. The tank stands near Junaluska Road north of town, and is one of the two tanks now used for storage by the town. Until recently it was the only one. Cost of the work was placed by the mayor at \$3,700.00, and the welding is guaranteed for twelve years and the painting for four. Capacity of the tank is 275,000 gallons.

## MANY TRAFFIC CASES

# Rogers Is Acquitted In Slaying Of Tony Cornett

## Shots Said To Have Been In Self Defense

Jesse Dale Rogers, 21, of Lenoir, charged with the fatal shooting of Marion Tony Cornett, 20, of Boone, was acquitted in Watauga Superior Court last week on the grounds that he fired the lethal bullets in self defense.

The altercation which took place on Blowing Rock Road early in February, followed an argument over a proposed drag race, and Cornett's threats to assault him. One bullet from a .22 calibre revolver was said to have struck Cornett in the region of the heart and he died in the local hospital within a few minutes.

Other cases disposed of during the April court term were: Bill Perry, assault on female, cost; Farrell Ollis, worthless check, cost; S. L. Whisnant, speeding and reckless driving, \$25.00 and cost;

Driving drunk—T. R. Erwin, \$100.00 and cost; Odell Teague, \$100.00 and cost; P. W. Foster, \$100.00 and cost; G. T. Taylor, \$300.00 and cost; J. W. Triplett, \$100.00 and cost; V. L. Triplett, \$100.00 and cost; W. E. Warren, \$100.00 and cost.

Violation prohibition laws—C. L. Holman, \$50.00 and cost; Andy Shaw, \$50.00 and cost; J. W. Triplett, \$50.00 and cost; J. (Continued on page two)



**ARTS FESTIVAL.**—Philip Moose's "Olive Tree," an oil painting, is one of the many pieces of art work on exhibit at Appalachian State Teachers College this week during the annual Spring Arts Festival. The event began Sunday afternoon with a concert by the Georgia Trio and will continue through Sunday with William Alton, faculty member at Woman's College in Greensboro, giving a piano concert.

## Clay Retires From Race In May Primary



C. A. CLAY

Mr. C. A. Clay, Vilas resident, a former county official has withdrawn his candidacy for County Commissioner in the Democratic May primary, according to word from Mr. R. T. Greer, Elections Board Chairman.

Mr. Clay says he is taking this action for reasons of health.

He served capably as a member of the Board of Commissioners beginning in 1952, and many of his friends had been interested in his returning to public office.

A retired farmer, he was formerly a well-known business man, having been engaged in lumbering in this county for a number of years.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Church were recent visitors with Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Church in Canton.

## Books Must Show Party Of Voters

Mr. R. T. Greer, Elections Board Chairman, again points out that voters whose party affiliations are not shown on the register books cannot legally vote in the party primaries on May 26.

Mr. Greer says that a large percentage of the voters in the county do not have their affiliations listed, which doesn't in any way interfere with their voting in the general election, but does bar them from participation in the primaries of the Democrat and Republican parties. He strongly urges those who want to vote in the primaries to see to it that their affiliation is shown on the books. They may do this by applying to the Registrar in their precinct anytime before the books close on May 12, at 6 o'clock. Otherwise, Mr. Greer says, the law strictly bars them from primary balloting.

Incidentally, the registration books will again be open at the polling places in each precinct on Saturday, May 5, and on Saturday, May 12. May 19 will be observed as challenge day and the primary will occur on May 26.

## Democrats To Hold Convention On Sat.

## Dr. McGown Is Now Practicing Surgery Here



DR. CURTIS MCGOWN

Dr. Curtis McGown has established offices in Blowing Rock and Boone, and is now engaged in the practice of general surgery in the hospitals of both towns.

Born in Charlotte, Dr. McGown is married to the former Miss Martha Sander of Memphis, Tenn., and both grew up and were educated in Memphis. They have three children, two boys and a girl and are living at their home on Sunset Drive, Blowing Rock.

Dr. McGown served in the United States Marine Corps 1946-48, attended Millsaps College, Jackson, Miss., where he received a B.S. degree. He graduated from the University of Tennessee School of Medicine in 1953, interned at Baptist Hospital in Memphis; did general practice for two years at Blowing Rock Hospital; completed five years training in general surgery residency in Memphis with Kennedy Veterans Hospital, LeBorhem Children's Hospital and Methodist Hospital.

He is a member of the Presbyterian Church, formerly on the Board of Deacons at Rumble Memorial in Blowing Rock; has been active in Boy Scout work, church, Rotary and Chamber of Commerce. He engages in many sports, and particularly likes hunting, fishing and golf.

Dr. McGown is a member of the American Medical Association, North Carolina Medical Society, Watauga Medical Society and the Bowers Surgical Society.

The Democratic voters of Watauga county have been asked to meet in convention at the courthouse in Boone Saturday May 12, at 2 o'clock.

Mr. C. H. Hendrix, chairman of the Democratic Executive Committee, says that at that time the county organization will be named, and delegates to the State Convention in Raleigh on May 17 will be chosen.

Mr. Hendrix has asked that the chairmen of the various precincts hold meetings at the voting places on May 5 at 2 o'clock for the election of precinct committees and to name delegates to the county convention.

A full attendance at all meetings is asked.

## Asks For Bids Boone Bypass

The State Highway Department Monday asked for bids on resurfacing N. C. 105 a distance of 15.95 miles from the Avery county line, northeast through Foscoe to U. S. 221 and 321 southeast of Boone. Also secondary road 1107 from N. C. 105 to U. S. 421, which is known as the Boone bypass.



**BROOM SALE.**—Jim Jones (left) and Guy Hunt get ready to continue sale of brooms on street in Boone Saturday. The Lions Club conducted a house to house canvass this week and will offer the wares Saturday to those who were missed during the canvass. Proceeds go to work with the blind, a project sponsored by the Lions Club. The brooms were manufactured by the Blind Industries, Incorporated of Greensboro, which offers blind persons the opportunity to be gainfully employed and lead normal lives.—Photo Flowers' Photo Shop.

## Moretz Gets UNC Honor

Chapel Hill.—Joseph A. Moretz of Boone was elected president of the student body at the University of North Carolina School of Law in this spring's elections for 1962-1963.

The newly chosen Law Student Association head is a 1960 graduate of Lenoir Rhyne College where he was editor of his college newspaper and a member of Tau Kappa Epsilon social fraternity.

During the past year he was editor of the Tar Heel Barrister. He is a member of Delta Theta Phi legal fraternity and was secretary this past year.

Moretz is a son of Mr. and Mrs. D. G. Moretz of Boone.

## 'South Pacific' Colorful Part Of Appalachian Arts Festival

## Mrs. Holshouser Dies Thursday

Mrs. Laura Holshouser, age 87, of Sunset Drive, Blowing Rock, died at her home Thursday.

She had lived in the Blowing Rock community for 87 years, and had led a life of active leadership in her community and church. She was a charter member of the Rumble Memorial Presbyterian Church, a charter member of Women of the Church, and the organizer of the Sunday School at Rumble Memorial.

She is survived by three sons and three daughters; J. Eubert Holshouser of Boone, Howard Holshouser of Blowing Rock, William Holshouser of Arlington, Va.; Mrs. Ethel Burns, Mrs. Eunice Williams, both of Blowing Rock, Mrs. Katie Dye of Salisbury. Two sisters also survive; Mrs. Guy Scrounce, Mrs. Emmett Weaver, both of Newton. There are twenty grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted Saturday at 2:30 in Rumble Memorial Presbyterian church by the Rev. A. Blake Brinkerhoff, Dr. L. T. Newland and the Rev. J. K. Parker. Burial was in the Reform Church cemetery.

Auto sales climbed in April 1-10 period.

The 39-member cast for the campus production of South Pacific at Appalachian State Teachers College was selected recently.

The popular Rodgers and Hammerstein musical will be presented as a part of the Appalachian Arts Festival May 2, 3 and 4. Director David French, ASTC faculty, predicts that this year's production will be "bigger and better than ever."

Portraying the male lead, Emile de Bacque, will be Rogers Whitener. Ensign Nellie Forbush will be played by Jo Anne Haigler of Rockingham. Bud Mayes of Kings Mountain is designing the set for 21 scene changes during the two-act performance. Martha Smoot of Salisbury is the costume designer and Barbara Saville of Charlotte is acting as student director.

The story is based on love and racial prejudice. Nurse Nellie falls in love with Frenchman Emile de Bacque, who has two children, Ngana, portrayed by Shirley Jackson of Forest City, and Jerome, Roy Watkins of Charlotte, by his former Polynesian wife.

Don Parham of Charlotte is Emile's servant Henry. Carol Benn of Fort Lauderdale, Fla., plays Bloody Mary and her daughter Liat is Nancy Tolbert of Charlotte. Clinton Parker of Hickory plays the American soldier who falls in love with Liat.

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TOMMY TAYLOR

## Tommy Taylor Is Given Honor

Tommy Taylor has been selected as Watauga county's representative to the 3rd annual Governor's Youth Fitness Conference, to be held in Raleigh June 8 and 9.

Tommy is a member of the Junior class at Appalachian High School. He was a member of the basketball and football teams during the current school year. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Taylor of Oak Street in Boone.

Tommy is the recipient of a (Continued on page two)

## Two Indicted For Raiding Fish Pond

B. M. Miller and James Stuart Watson of Lenoir are free on \$2,000 bond on charges of taking fish from a private pond on the Holiday Hills summer development off Bamboo Road, according to E. F. Coe, who with Fred Greer, owns the property.

The two men were caught Saturday at 3:30 a. m. by James Harrison, acting as special Deputy, and Deputy Sheriff Emmett Oliver.

## Northwestern To Have Three New Branches

The Northwestern Bank of North Wilkesboro has been given permission by the State Banking Commission to establish three more branches.

Two of the branches will be in large western North Carolina cities. The commission approved The Northwestern's application for a branch in Winston-Salem, which will be in the new Reynolds Shopping Center.

Also approved was the application (Continued on page two)