

BOONE WEATHER				
1962	High	Low	prec.	1961 20 yr. Lo
May 1	81	52		80 40
May 2	69	54	tr.	54 30
May 3	66	49		60 32
May 4	72	38		60 40
May 5	73	48		56 40
May 6	74	43	.03	71 42
May 7	75	53		72 53

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**ROADSIDE EATING.**—Picnic tables along the highways in the area make it convenient for visitors to enjoy the scenery

when they visit in the mountains. Grandfather Mountain stands out in the background for these picnickers.

## A SENTIMENTAL JOURNEY

# Carolinians Pay Tribute To Founders Of College

## Hall Of Fame Citations Are Distributed

By LARRY PENLEY

More than 250 friends of Appalachian State Teachers College from all over North Carolina made a sentimental journey back to the Boone campus Saturday to pay tribute to the men who were instrumental in founding the State institution.

All were named posthumously except Dr. J. D. Rankin, president emeritus of Appalachian, who was present for the ceremony.

Near relatives of 19 of the 22 honorees were on campus to receive the beautiful "Hall of Fame Citations." Each citation was read to an overflow crowd in the Fine Arts Auditorium by Dr. W. H. Plemmons, ASTC president. Dr. Roy Wilson, Charlotte dentist and president of the ASTC Alumni Association, presented the citations to each family representative.

Special guests and friends were treated to a "Coffee Hour" at President Plemmons' home Saturday morning at 10 o'clock. Guests were received at the door by Dr. and Mrs. Plemmons.

Following the "Coffee Hour," the Hall of Fame program was held in the Fine Arts Building auditorium with Rogers Whitehead, ASTC faculty member, acting as master of ceremonies. He introduced Dr. Plemmons and Dr. Wilson. Dr. Wilson gave a word of welcome on behalf of the Alumni Association and recognized Dr. Plemmons who read the citations.

Special music was provided by the College Brass Choir under the direction of Thomas L. Naylor, graduate assistant in music. The choir played three pieces from "The Water Music" by George Frederic Handel. Brass Choir and Trumpet Voluntary by Henry Purcell Brass Choir.

A luncheon in honor of those named to the Hall of Fame and for the many special friends of the college was held in the College Cafeteria at 12:30 p. m. John W. Welborn, manager of the cafeteria, and Mrs. Herman Eggers served as chairmen for the luncheon.

Other highlights of the day included a tea for the May Court in the parlor of East Hall, and the crowning of beautiful Jeannie Belk, May Queen, during the Coronation Ball.

Those who helped to arrange the "Hall of Fame" ceremony included the following:

Bob Allen, Richard Barker, Beulah Campbell, Walton Cole, Mrs. Marischa Cooke, Dr. Howard Decker, Ramona Craig, John Dinkins, Dr. and Mrs. Graydon (Continued on page three)



DR. J. D. RANKIN (right), president emeritus of Appalachian State Teachers College and only living member of the institution's Hall of Fame, accepts citation from Dr. Roy Wilson, president of the Alumni Association. Dr. W. H. Plemmons, college president, looks on.



HAPPY OCCASION.—Barnard Dougherty (left), and Edwin Dougherty (right), enjoy a moment with Joe Hartley, long time friend of the Dougherty family, during Hall of Fame event.

## Morton Likens Park Service To "Army Of Occupation" In Speech

Roanoke, Va.—The owner of Grandfather Mountain in North Carolina told a travel promotion meeting in Roanoke Monday that the National Park Service has maintained "an army of occupation attitude for 20 years" in his state.

Hugh Morton, owner of the tourist attraction, also accused the federal agency of singling out the state of North Carolina "for a special kind of National Park Service arrogance and abuse."

Morton, who gave a speech and slide presentation to about 30 members attending a regional meeting of the National As-

sociation of Travel Organizations (NATO), also had criticism for Sam P. Weems of Roanoke, superintendent of Blue Ridge Parkway.

Citing removal of a directional sign to his mountain from a point a mile away on the Blue Ridge Parkway, Morton accused Weems of personally delivering a photograph taken on U. S. 11 near Bristol to an Asheville, N. C., newspaper and allegedly maintaining it illustrated what Morton wanted on the parkway. Criticism

"When you look at what was there, a simple directional sign, and then see the Weems misrepresentation, it may make you wonder whether our Blue Ridge Parkway is in the best of hands," Morton said.

Morton and the National Park Service have been staging a running battle about the route of a Blue Ridge Parkway right-of-way at Grandfather Mountain for a number of years. Morton's family claims it sold the government right-of-way across Grandfather Mountain and right-of-way over a lower portion of Grandfather Mountain. More recently, the Park Service has been attempting to get additional right-of-way across Grandfather Mountain,

which Morton operates as a private tourist attraction.

Morton traced development of the resort area by his family and said he feels his family has done as good a job as the Park Service in preserving the natural features of North Carolina's mountain scenery.

## Mrs. Carroll Funeral Held

Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Carroll, age 76, of Boone, widow of P. G. Carroll, died Friday at Wilkes General Hospital at North Wilkesboro.

A native of Watauga County, she was the daughter of Marshall and Carolyn Bingham Winkler.

Funeral services were conducted Sunday at 3:30 p. m. at Millers Creek Methodist church by Rev. Robert Russell, Rev. Larry Clayton and Rev. Rex West. Burial was in Mt. Lawn Memorial Park.

Survivors are three daughters, Mrs. Eula C. Cowles of Boone, Mrs. Norma Collins of North Wilkesboro and Mrs. Claude Jackson of Hampton, Virginia; one son, Ward Carroll of Route 1, Boone; one sister, Mrs. Floyd McNeil of Boone and one brother, Avery C. Winkler of Boone.



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## Moretz Heads Local Jaycees



GRADY MORETZ, JR.

New officers for the coming year in the Boone Junior Chamber of Commerce were installed Monday night at a special meeting. Grady Moretz, Jr. was installed as the new president replacing Joe Hartley. Others taking office at the annual occasion were Ned Trivette, first vice president; Jim Moore, second vice president; Frank Steele, secretary; Richard Barker, treasurer; Bob Light, historian; and Steve Gabriel, State director. Outgoing president, Joe Hartley, was recently elected to a state office at a meeting held in Hendersonville.

Mr. Boyd Smith, an active Jaycee from Morganton, was the speaker for the evening. Attending the meeting as guests were the wives of the local members. Other special guests at this meeting were Mr. and Mrs. Paul Weston.

## Moose Lodge Is Planned

At the last meeting of the Boone Lodge 1805, Loyal Order of the Moose, plans for the new Moose building near the golf course were discussed, and an effort will be made to get some 1,000 new Moose members as founders of the new home.

Joseph V. Veit has been employed as a full-time secretary and a special effort will be made toward the start of the building. Those who aid by buying bonds in amount of \$100 or more will be known as founders of the beautiful new building and their names will be on a plaque to hang permanently in the new building.

Secretary Veit will maintain his office in the Moose quarters at 415 1/2 West King Street and members are asked to come out Thursday evening May 10th, see the plans for the new building and play bingo at 8 p. m. Moose families are also invited.

## William Barnes Dies Wednesday

William Robert Barnes, 88 years old, of Boone, Route 2, died May 2 at Watauga Hospital following a long illness.

Funeral services were conducted at 2:00 p. m. on Thursday, May 3, at Howard's Creek Baptist Church. The Rev. Glenn South and the Rev. E. F. Troutman were in charge of the rites. Burial was in Norris cemetery.

Mr. Barnes is survived by one daughter, Mrs. Donald Miller of Route 4, Boone.

## Appalachian High Beta Club

### Establishes Loan Fund

The Appalachian High School Beta Club is using the proceeds from the recent Talent Show to establish an educational loan fund. Loans will be made available to Appalachian High School graduates for use in college or vocational training.

The Beta Club will welcome gifts to this loan fund. A list of contributors will be kept in the front hall of the high school building. Individuals or organizations may make a contribution in memory of or in honor of a person.

Loans will be granted on the basis of the applicant's character, scholarship, and financial need. A loan committee, composed of the high school principal, the counselor, one senior sponsor, the Beta Club sponsor, and the Beta Club president, will receive the applications and select the recipient.

A person wishing to contribute to this loan fund may make a check payable to Appalachian High School and mail it to the Beta Club Sponsor.

## Farmers Hardware, One Of Oldest Retail Firms, Remodels

Farmers Hardware & Supply Co., one of Watauga County's oldest retail firms, this week announced the completion of a modernization and remodeling program.

The firm was founded in 1924 by Russell D. Hodges, Sr., W. C. Greer, Clyde R. Greene, and A. Y. Howell. At the firm's initial stockholders meeting, Mr. Hodges was named president, a post that he retained for the

remainder of his life. Mr. Greer became vice president; Mr. Greene secretary-treasurer and general manager.

The newly formed corporation opened for trading January 1, 1925, in the John W. Hodges building at the present site of Tastes Freeze drive-in, where it remained until 1931, when it purchased the building and stock of the Boone Hardware Co., and moved to its

present location. In 1936 Farmers Hardware began a modernization program and abolished the traditional floor to ceiling ladders in common use then by stores of its type. Periodically, the firm has taken steps to keep abreast of modern methods in merchandising. In 1953 the front appearance of the store was remodeled to (Continued on page three)

## State Motelists, Operators To Hold Convention In Boone

Approximately 300 motel owners and operators are expected for the Ninth Annual Convention at the Daniel Boone Inn in Boone, May 18-19.

About 20 States and national exhibitors are expected to be on hand to display their products.

The program will include business sessions, forums, and panels on matters of interest to the motel industry.

On the entertainment side there will be banquets each night with a square dance May 18, and a round dance the following night.

A tour of the Boone-Blowing Rock - Grandfather Mountain area is scheduled Saturday afternoon.

Cooper Dawson, president of the American Motor Hotel Association will be the speaker the first night, Ed Pickard, president of the Travel Council of North Carolina, is scheduled for luncheon speaker.

The first day's session will include officer and committee re-

ports. Speakers the first day include Heck Rice, executive vice-president of the Virginia Motel Association; Harry Hickman, president of the Tennessee Motel Association; Tom Wickline, Roanoke, Va.; Dick Bradham, Charleston, S. C.; and others well known in the industry.

Saturday will include a continental breakfast and a final business session to include election of area governors.

New officers will be announced at the banquet Saturday. Bud Dixon of Morehead City is president of NCMA and Ed H. Lewis, Jr., is executive vice president, with offices in Raleigh.

## Wilkesboro Bypass On 421 Is Expected

North Wilkesboro—Early action is expected in construction of Highway U. S. 421 bypass around Wilkesboro.

Watson Braine of North Wilkesboro, highway commissioner for this district, said Monday a tentative route has been chosen by engineers and a public hearing on the proposed route will be scheduled some time in June.

Braine said the route as chosen will be west of the present Curtis Bridge portion of the highway.

As proposed, it will cross the western end of Wilkesboro west of the Valle Crucis Elementary School Saturday May 12, 5:30 to 8. Proceeds will be used for school purposes.

N. C. 113 near the C. C. Wright School.

Prior to the hearing a map of the survey will be posted.

The bypass will be a major development in improving U. S. 421 through this area.

The first construction on the new highway in Wilkes was the building of about 10 miles from Curtis Bridge near Wilkesboro west to Lewis Fork Baptist Church.

Meanwhile, construction was under way in Yadkin and Forsyth counties.

Presently, the road is completed from a point about eight miles east of Wilkesboro to Winston-Salem.

## Chicken Supper

A chicken supper will be served at the Valle Crucis Elementary School Saturday May 12, 5:30 to 8. Proceeds will be used for school purposes.