

BOONE WEATHER			
1962	High	Low	Prev.
May 8	83	48	76
May 9	78	50	68
May 10	70	48	62
May 11	70	59	59
May 12	70	59	59
May 13	74	54	70
May 14	80	56	73

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PICNICKERS' SPOT.—Split Rock affords many visitors to the area a delightful place in which to picnic and enjoy the coolness of the mountains. Indications point to increased travel over the Parkway in western North Carolina.

Park Service Director, Morton To Appear Before Highway Official

National Park Service Director Conrad Wirth was granted a request to appear before the Highway Commission May 31 concerning the proposed routing of the Blue Ridge Parkway across Grandfather Mountain.

Highway Chairman Merrill Evans said he had granted Wirth's request to appear "for the purpose of presenting basic material" relating to the Parkway.

Evans also said Hugh Morton of Wilmington, owner of Grandfather Mountain, had been invited to attend the meeting and to appear before the commission if he desires.

Wirth is scheduled to appear before the commission at 1:30 p. m. in the Highway Building Auditorium.

Gov. Terry Sanford recently said the state will not attempt to acquire right-of-way for a "high-level" routing of the Parkway across Grandfather Mountain.

In making the statement, Sanford sided with Morton in Morton's row with the National Park Service over the route of

the Parkway in the Grandfather area.

The Park Service wants the Parkway to cross the mountain at a high elevation while Morton wants it to cross at a lower level.

Sanford said at the time that "we have no legal authority, or questionable legal authority" to condemn Morton's land for a high-level route.

The governor pointed out then that in 1939, the state purchased right-of-way from Morton for a low-level route across the mountain and that it was doubtful if the state could condemn additional land for the purpose.

A stretch of about seven miles in the Grandfather Mountain area is one of the few links in the Parkway that has not been completed.

Candidate Pix Wanted

A few of the candidates have supplied us with "billfold size" pictures which the Democrat wanted for its files. It would be appreciated if we could have the others.

Poppy Day To Be Observed On Saturday

"The proud and symbolic product of the unsteady hands of our hospitalized and disabled veterans" was the way Commander Stephens of Veterans of Foreign Wars Post No 7031 described the Buddy Poppy which his organization will put on sale in Boone May 19.

The sale here will be just one of many thousand sales being held throughout the nation during the month of May.

In the hospital wards and hobby rooms of Veterans' Administration Homes and Hospitals all over the country men in pajamas and bathrobes have been busy for many months now making the artificial memorial flowers symbolic of those who gave so much during time of war. They are hoping and praying that all Americans will wear the symbolic flower of remembrance when Buddy Poppies are placed on sale.

Many of these men are working with partially paralyzed or deformed hands, some in wheel chairs and others yet in bed. They get immense satisfaction from the work. The mechanical ingenuity required by the work takes their minds off their own pain and loneliness. Several of the men work at benches turning out many flowers a minute.

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SPEAKER.—Governor Terry Sanford will be the commencement speaker at Appalachian State Teachers College Saturday, May 26.

Miss Watauga Pageant To Be Held In Fall

The annual "Miss Watauga County" beauty pageant will for the first time, be held in the autumn, according to word from Grady Moretz, Jr., President of the Boone Junior Chamber of Commerce.

The Jaycee-sponsored Pageant has grown in popularity over the years, and in announcing the change, Moretz stated that moving the Pageant to the Fall should make the event even more prominent in future years.

Moretz noted that most of the larger North Carolina cities now have their Pageants in either September or October, giving their winners a greater length of time in which to prepare for the State Pageant which is held annually in the summer.

He observed that the Asheville Pageant is held in the fall.

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Hendrix Is Reelected Head Of Democrat County Committee

Hooper Hendrix was re-elected chairman of the Democratic Executive Committee of Watauga County at a meeting held in connection with the county convention of the party last Saturday.

Mr. Hendrix won over D. Grady Moretz, the only other candidate nominated, by a vote of 19-11.

Mrs. H. M. Hamilton, Jr., was elected as first vice-chairman; James Marsh was elected as second vice-chairman; while Tom Lawrence was elected third vice-chairman 16-13 over Thomas Coffey. Mrs. Rob Rivers was re-elected secretary. J. C. Goodnight was re-elected treasurer.

The convention, which was presided over by Chairman Hendrix, voted that all Democrats who would go to Raleigh for the State Convention Thursday would be seated as delegates. He stated that Watauga county has 14 votes in the convention.

Candidates for the State House of Representatives, Gordon H. Winkler and J. E. Joiner, were recognized and spoke



HOOPER HENDRIX
briefly. Hayden Pitts, candidate for county commissioner and Sheriff Ernest Hodges, also spoke.

John Council was unanimously approved for membership on the Watauga County Board of Elections to succeed William Cole, resigned.

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Watauga NCEA Unit Has Annual Dinner

The Watauga County Unit of the North Carolina Education Association held its annual dinner meeting at 6:30 p. m., May 4, in the Appalachian Elementary School Cafeteria.

Husbands, wives and friends attended as guests.

The invocation was given by Everett Widener, principal of Blowing Rock School.

Following a delicious dinner Mrs. Dessa Mae Edmisten, supervisor of Watauga county schools, installed the following officers for the year 1962-1963: President—Clyde Greene. Vice-president—Dr. Roy R. Blanton.

Secretary—Mrs. Grace Mast. Treasurer—Bobby Harmon.

Dr. Blanton introduced Roy Armstrong, secretary of the

GOOD NEWS FOR CONSUMERS

REA Members To Get \$2 Million In Refunds

Action Same As Another 10% Rate Cut

Cecil E. Viverette, General Manager of the Blue Ridge Electric Membership Corporation, announced today that another milestone had been reached in the history of the Cooperative. He said that beginning this year capital credits will be retired to the members on an eight-year revolving basis.

The members who were receiving service in 1953 will receive this year, in cash, the capital credits that were allocated to them that year. Capital credits were earned and allocated for the first time in 1950. Members receiving service in 1950, 1951 and 1952 will receive their capital credits this year also. The total amount of capital credits to be paid in cash to members this year will amount to approximately \$80,000. Some capital credits for this period have already been paid to estates of deceased members. Also, capital credits were paid to those members who had not received service for three years.

Viverette stated that it is the plan to repeat this cash retirement each year. Next year (1963) the capital credits allocated to the membership in 1954 will be paid. Approximately \$112,000 will be returned to members next year. This retirement will continue annually so that in the next ten years a total of \$2,069,265 in capital credits will be returned to the members of the Cooperative. This will amount to more than ten percent of all the power bills paid for the years capital credits are being repaid. A ten percent rate reduction was given in January, 1960. This is the equivalent to another ten percent rate reduction for these members.

The board of directors and the management of the Cooperative have made careful analysis of the financial forecast for the Cooperative for the next ten years and have determined this policy of retirement is sound, based on present conditions and those of the foreseeable future. It is their sincere hope that this plan of revolving retirements of capital credits can be carried on indefinitely.

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BUILDING PLANNERS.—These men are laying plans for building a Moose home in Boone. Left to right, they are: C. A. Price, Joe Veit secretary; Joe Williams, trustee; seated: Glenn R. Andrews, Jr. Governor; J. C. Cline, past Governor; and George L. Sawyer, Sr., prelate. (See story page one, section B)—Photo Flowers' Photo Shop.

Week End Religious Services Start Commencement Exercises



Left to right: Mrs. Doretha Greene, Mrs. Faith Michael, Mrs. Lura Greene, and Mrs. Phyllis Foster.

Commencement exercises for 211 seniors in the four high schools in Watauga county will be in progress this week and next as the students complete their secondary education.

Bethel high school, with 19 graduating, had its Baccalaureate service Sunday at the school, with the Rev. Carl Wilson, pastor of Antioch Baptist Church, delivering the sermon. The Rev. Vaughn Greene and the Rev. Clyde Cornett assisted in the service.

Junior marshals at Bethel are Eddie Cornett, Kenneth Harmon, Johnny Lawrence and Martha Davis.

Graduation exercises for Bethel had been scheduled for Thursday evening at 8 o'clock before bad weather postponed the closing of school. The exercise will be held on the scheduled date, but the students will return to school for a week to complete the required number of school days. All other schools have rescheduled their graduation exercises for next week.

Baccalaureate services for the 100 member senior class of Appalachian High School will be at 8:00 p. m. Sunday in the First Baptist Church in Boone.

The Rev. Preston Hughes, Jr., pastor of the Boone Methodist Church, will deliver the Baccalaureate address. Mr. Hughes will be assisted by the Rev. Homer Greene, pastor of

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Republican Women Meet; Hear Broyhill And Burdick

More than a hundred Republicans, chiefly women, attended a "Getting to Know You" dinner at Daniel Boone Inn last Saturday night, at which time a permanent women's organization was organized for Watauga county.

Miss Stella Rutledge, State Republican vice-chairman, of Charlotte spoke briefly to the gathering and later installed the officers.

The following officers were elected and installed: President, Mrs. Lura Greene; vice-pres-

ident, Mrs. Faith Michael; secretary, Mrs. Phyllis Foster; treasurer, Mrs. Doretha Greene.

Candidates for the various offices to be chosen in the May primary election were present and were recognized.

A highlight of the occasion was the presence of both Congressional candidates for the Ninth District, Mr. Broyhill of Lenoir, and Mr. Burdick of Albermarle. Both men addressed the meeting and explained their respective positions on issues at hand.

School Bus Rodeo Being Planned Here

Once again it is time for the annual school bus rodeo for the State of North Carolina, according to Roy Moretz, chief mechanic at the school bus garage.

For rodeo purposes, the state has been divided into ten districts, composed of ten counties each. A rodeo will be held in each district this month.

The district in which Watauga will participate will hold its rodeo on Saturday at Yadkinville. Each county is eligible to send one boy and one girl school bus driver to participate. The two winners from each district will receive expense paid trips to Raleigh for the state finals June 27 and 28.

Stephen Dotson from the Blowing Rock High School will represent Watauga county. Mr. Moretz said there is no eligible girl for the rodeo in Watauga.

There is no uniform system of awards on the district level. The first place winners of the State Rodeo will receive \$750 scholarships to the college of their choice. Runners-up will receive scholarships for \$500 each.

Rhododendron Festival To Be Held June 14-15; To Name Queen

The 16th Annual North Carolina Rhododendron Festival will be held this year on June 14th-15th and 16th according to the Bakersville Lions club, which has been sponsoring this event since it started.

Last year two new features were added to the already popular mountain top festival. Both will be continued this year. On Thursday, June 14th the Junior Miss Rhododendron Pageant will be featured. Girls from eight through eleven will be judged on talent, swim suit and evening gown competition. The new Junior Miss Rhododendron Queen will replace Miss Dale Banner, who served as Junior

Miss Rhododendron Queen of 1961 and will appear in many events, with the regular queen.

On Friday night, June 15th the Rhododendron Pageant will be featured with girls competing for the title of North Carolina Rhododendron Queen.

Many valuable prizes and awards will be given as the contestants appear in evening gowns, swim suits and as they display their talent. The talent and swim suit winners will be announced on Friday night. On Saturday, June 16th the final evening gown appearance will take place in the Rhododendron Gardens on Roan Mountain at which time a new queen will be chosen. The new queen will replace Miss Gail Robertson, who served as Rhododendron Queen of 1961.

On Saturday night, the Rhododendron Pageant will again be presented in the Asheville

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Wheat Filing Date Is Given

June 30, 1962, is the final date for which farmers may file an application for a 1963 wheat allotment. Full information concerning eligibility requirements is available at the local ASC office.