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1962	High	Low	Wind
June 12	87	61	27
June 13	75	50	32
June 14	70	55	tr.
June 15	74	51	
June 16	75	50	
June 17	80	53	
June 18	80	55	

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TAR BABY.—Workers from the North Carolina Highway Department resurface a portion of Queen Street earlier this week as Mayor Wade E. Brown (center), department foreman J. R. McNeil (left), and department supervisor F. A. Hagaman (right), look on. The operation cost the town \$10,000, according to Mayor Brown, and will be paid for out of the town's budget which has been set up for such an expenditure. Three of Boone's seven miles of city streets were paved this week, with most of the work being done on West Howard, Appalachian and Queen streets, and Grand Boulevard.—Staff photo.

JIM AGLE'S RESCUE ATTEMPT FAILS

John Shrake Drowns In Surf



ROBERT B. TOOTELL
FCA Governor To Speak Here For Land Bank

Robert B. Tootell, governor of the Farm Credit Administration, Washington, D. C., will be the main speaker at the annual meeting of stockholders of the Federal Land Bank Association of Boone, July 7, it was announced this week by S. C. Eggers, president of the local association. The meeting will be in the Boone Elementary School Auditorium, and will begin at 10:30 a.m. that day.

Mr. Tootell was born and reared on a farm in Wisconsin, and has had long experience in work. He was appointed governor of the Farm Credit Administration in 1958.

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John Shrake, 18 year old son of Bert Shrake who is owner of the Parkside Cafe near the college campus in Boone, drowned Sunday afternoon at Myrtle Beach, South Carolina. The mishap occurred in front of the Ocean Forest Hotel where he was employed.

A companion, Jim Agle, 17, also of Boone, tried to save Shrake but was unsuccessful. Agle was treated at Ocean View Hospital in Myrtle Beach and was released.

Littlejohn Blanton, county coroner, said the two youths ventured out too far into the surf about 1:15 p. m. Shrake got into trouble and Agle made a futile effort to save him. The Myrtle Beach Rescue Squad brought Agle to safety.

The rescue squad made an effort to locate the body of Shrake but had not found it by noon Tuesday. They were being aided in the search by the United States Air Force which was using helicopters to scan the area.

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MRS. EARLEEN PRITCHETT
Mrs. Pritchett Heads UN Week

Mrs. Earleen G. Pritchett, administrative assistant to the President of Appalachian State Teachers College, was named Tuesday to the State Chairmanship of United Nations Week, according to word reaching the Democrat from Governor Sanford's office.

United Nations Week will be observed October 21-27. Mrs. Pritchett will have the duty of coordinating the UN observance in communities across the State, and will ask the various mayors to name local chairmen.

The goal of the observance is to promote a better understanding of the aims, purposes and accomplishments of United Nations.

Born in Watauga county on August 6, 1906, Mrs. Pritchett was educated at Lees-McRae College, Draughton's Business College in Knoxville and Appalachian State Teachers College.

For nineteen years she was secretary to the president at Lees-McRae College. From 1947 to September, 1945, she served as secretary to the Dean. She was Director of Publications and Associate Director of Placement at ASTC in Boone. Since September, 1955, she has been secretary to Dr. W. H. Plemmons, President of Appalachian State Teachers College. In 1961, she became Administrative Assistant.

Mrs. Pritchett is a charter member of the Boone Business and Professional Women's Club, and has served two years as the club's president. For one term she was chairman of the Education and Vocation Committee of District 2 of the North Carolina Federation of Business and Professional Women's Clubs.

She is one of the organizers

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Two Watauga Homes Are Destroyed By Fire

Two fires within the past week completely destroyed the homes of two Wataugians, according to the Boone Fire Department.

The home of Bob Hunnicutt, Jr., of Bamboo Road was de-

clared a total loss in a fire which gutted his house last Thursday. Local firemen state that lack of water hampered their fight against the blaze.

No official estimate of damage had been made early this week.

A Sunday afternoon blaze in Hot Hollar leveled the home of Earl Miller. No official estimate of damage was available prior to this publication.

Again, firemen stated that insufficient water supply was a main factor which delayed their efforts to control the blaze.

A spokesman explained by stating that neither of Boone's two fire trucks holds more than 250 gallons of water. The trucks can pump 500 gallons of water per minute. In reality, then, only about thirty seconds of "water power" is available, although the spokesman pointed out that the water was not pumped at full power and therefore lasted "somewhat longer."

To help offset this factor, the spokesman issued a plea for persons who have fires "to build small dams in a nearby creek or river while the fire trucks are driving to the scene. The water then can be pumped by the truck to the place of fire. Much valuable time is lost in the constructing of such a dam, by firemen after they have arrived," the spokesman stated.

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Wilkes Dam Gates To Be Closed In August

Engineers will lower gates in the Wilkesboro Flood Control Dam about August 15 to form the lake.

Harold A. Mullins, engineer in charge of the project for the U. S. Corp. of Engineers, said work in the reservoir area will be completed by that time and the lake will be formed in time for dedication ceremonies at the dam scheduled for September 16.

Rains are expected to provide the water to form the lake without cutting off the normal flow of the river. If the flow of the river were cut off entirely, Mullins said, the result would be disastrous to fish in the stream below and would diminish water supplies down the valley.

Workmen are now putting the finishing touches to the earth dam across the valley in preparation for seeding the down-

river slope of the dam in grass. The up-river side has been covered with stone.

Work remaining to be done includes paving a roadway across the top of the 145-foot dam and installation of power driven machinery to control the gates in the 800-foot concrete tunnel through the base of the dam, which will carry the river's flow.

Contract was awarded to Tom Brown Jr., of Charlotte for erection of four concrete boat ramps at the edge of what will be the permanent lake. There also will be four beach areas. These developments will extend from near the dam to a distance of three miles upstream.

The spillway designed to carry flood water around the north end of the dam into Fish Dam Creek below the dam has

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FOR COUNTY COMMISSIONER NOMINATION

New Vote Tabulation Shows Reynolds, Not Edmisten, Was Winner In May 26 Primary

Request For 2nd Primary Is Refused

Acting under the direction of the State Board of Elections, the county board has re-tabulated the votes cast in the May 26 Watauga County primary. The new count shows Lee Reynolds—rather than Jack Edmisten—is among the top three Democratic aspirants for the post of county commissioner.

(As was agreed among the candidates prior to the May 26 primary, the top three winners would be candidates for the post in the November election. W. C. Lentz and Gene Reese were the top two men in the race, followed by Reynolds and Edmisten.)

Also the county board has announced that the request made by Emmitt Oliver for a second primary to be held has been denied. Oliver was an unsuccessful candidate for sheriff in the recent election. It was he who first demanded a recount of the votes in four of the county's sixteen precincts.

According to the county board, a recount of the four precincts was made during the past week. In reaching the latest election results the local board followed the state board's suggestions to:

1. Recount all votes cast in the May 26 balloting, in the precincts questioned.
2. Discard all Democratic votes cast in the Cove Creek precinct.
3. Disregard the Republican votes cast in the Boone Township.

Pertaining to the first, the board stated that in re-checking the figures in the four precincts the board found fifty-eight more Democrat ballots in the Brushy Fork precinct than names on the poll books; about fifty more ballots in the Boone Township than names on the poll books; about thirty more ballots in the New River district than names on the poll books; and no discrepancies in the Watauga precinct.

The recount in these four districts did not change the outcome in the race for sheriff of Watauga County, the spokesman said.

In other action pertaining to the alleged voting irregularities in the county, an agent from the State Bureau of Investigation was seen in Boone Tuesday of this week. It could not be confirmed that he was here for the sole purpose of investigating the county voting, but the local board spokesman

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EXPANSION.—Shadowline, Inc. is in the process of making its third expansion in five years at its Boone plant. Shown above is a section of the construction on the west wing of the corporation.—Staff photo by Gaddy.

Dr. Plemmons Tells Of Growth At College In Talk To Students

Dr. W. H. Plemmons, president of Appalachian State Teachers College, addressed the student body and faculty during convocation services in the new physical education building last week.

He based his speech around the continued progress that is being made at ASTC and the plans for future improvements. Introduced by Dr. D. J. Whitener, dean of the college, Dr. Plemmons commented that although the recent bond issue failed, requisitions will be made to the legislature.

Student Council President Paul Lentz announced that the

Student Council will continue to function during the summer and invited students and faculty members to visit the office in the men's old gym and discuss any problems that might be urgent.

Dr. J. E. Stone and Dr. Cratis Williams commented briefly on summer school enrollment. Approximately 1892 students are enrolled for this session. This is the largest summer attendance on record at ASTC.

Dr. W. G. Spencer, head of the music department, led the group in a song and introduced the Tweesie Barber Shop Quartet. The quartet sang several num-

bers reminiscent of the Gay Twenties.

The band, under the direction of Charles Isley, played several marches and accompanied the group in singing "America."

Dr. Spencer invited all students interested to join the chorus and the band. The chorus, directed by Mrs. Virginia Linney, meets at 2:30 p.m. in the Fine Arts Building. The band meets at 3:30 p.m. in the Fine Arts Building. Neither group meets on Friday.

Students and faculty members having cars were reminded not to park in the restricted areas.

Willis Chester Is Given High Post With Belk's

Mr. John Belk, President of Belk Stores, has announced the appointment of Mr. W. W. Chester as Executive Vice President of Belk's Department Store in Boone. Mr. Chester has served as manager and Secretary-Treasurer of the store prior to this time and will continue to serve in this capacity.

The local store has had a history of steady growth since it was opened in May of 1935. Within the last year the store has been completely air-conditioned and a new heating plant has been installed. The store continues to modernize and to offer to the public merchandise values and outstanding customer service.

Mr. Chester was born in Cornelia, N. C., and joined Belk's in Statesville in 1927. In 1935 he worked for a short period of time in the Belk store in Lenoir and joined the local store in the Shoe Department in 1939. He was named manager in 1945, a position he has held since that time.

Since coming to Boone, Mr. Chester has been very active in religious and civic activities and is at present a member of the Rotary Club, Lay Leader of the Boone Methodist Church, a director of the Chamber of Com-



MR. W. W. CHESTER

Appalachian State Teachers College's summer school enrollment has now swelled to 2,250 students, according to Dr. Braxton Harris, assistant registrar at the college.

This includes 1,892 students who registered June 7-11; students in the Charlotte area who are taking extension courses; and 230 students who registered early this week for a two weeks work shop.

The figure is an all time high, according to Dr. James Storer, director of Summer Sessions. It is an increase of about twenty per cent over last year's summer school enrollment of 1,582. College officials had expected an increase of about ten per cent.

Registration data shows 46 newly registered freshmen and 800 graduate students. A more complete tabulation as to classification of students is expected within the week, according to a college spokesman.

Women Voter League Meeting

The League of Women Voters will meet on Tuesday, June 26, at 8:00 p.m. at the Boone Methodist Church.

The following subjects will be considered:

- Election Laws—discussion led by Mrs. Hadley Wilson.
- Loyalty and Security—discussion led by Mrs. Verlin Coffey.
- Treaty Making Power—discussion led by Mrs. Rommie Brown.

Broyhill Group Maps Strategy

An enthusiastic planning session was held early Tuesday morning by the Watauga Broyhill Congressional Campaign Committee, to plan details and strategy for the Congressional campaign. James T. Broyhill, Republican candidate for Congress in the 9th District of North Carolina, led the general discussion of plans for the campaign in Watauga County.

Broyhill committed himself once again to conduct a vigorous campaign, not only in Watauga County, but all across the 9th District. He stated that the campaign thus far has received enthusiastic response and support from Republicans and Democrats alike, who are anxious for a change.

Broyhill stated that the best way to get his story to the peo-

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