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1962	High	Low	Prev. 1961
July 17	82	72	79
July 18	80	63	75
July 19	78	53	70
July 20	81	55	65
July 21	80	59	77
July 22	80	57	82
July 23	78	50	79

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## Prisoner Is Killed By Guard

A young Watauga County Prison Camp inmate was shot and killed last Thursday as he tried to escape from a road crew near Boone.

He was Paul Wayne McIntosh, a 22 year old native of Burnsville.

Guard Norman Moody told a coroner's jury that the road crew had just eaten lunch beside N. C. 194 just southwest of Todd. It was about 1:40 p. m. The prisoners got up to get a drink of water, he related, and McIntosh broke and ran down an embankment and into undergrowth.

Moody shot one time, hitting the fleeing prisoner at the base of the victim's neck. The bullet came out under the left eye. McIntosh was alive when Moody reached him but was pronounced dead on arrival at the Watauga Hospital some 20 minutes later.

Deputy Coroner C. C. Cook, who conducted the inquest, asked Moody whether he called for the prisoner to stop. Moody replied that he did not have time. He said that it happened too quickly.

Moody testified that he fired one time with his .30-30 rifle. (Continued on page two)

## Free Chest X-Rays To Be Given

The mobile unit for free chest X-rays will begin its annual visit to Watauga County this week, establishing headquarters in Boone and in Blowing Rock, according to executive secretary Mrs. Ruth Draughon.

Initial operation for the general public will begin July 31 and continue through August 11. The unit will be located on King Street in Boone. Hours will be 10:00 a. m. to 4:00 p. m. daily, except Sundays and Mondays.

A mobile unit will also be located on Main Street in Blowing Rock beginning Wednesday, August 8 and continuing through Saturday, August 11. Hours will be 10:00 a. m. to 4:00 p. m.

Previous arrangements have been made with industrial plants so that employees may take advantage of this free service, Mrs. Draughon reports.

She states, "Since tuberculosis and other abnormal chest conditions give little warning, it is especially important for all people (ages 15 and up) to take advantage of the free chest X-ray service each year."

The executive secretary cited a shortness of breath as a sign of an abnormal chest condition. She stated, "It is not normal to be out of breath under normal conditions. Any amount of unusual shortness of breath, whether it lasts a long time or only a few minutes, should be called to your doctor's attention."

"The condition may or may not be serious. Your doctor will know, so let him be the one to decide."

## YDC Plans Party Rally

Members of the Watauga County Young Democrat Club will meet at the courthouse Monday evening at 8 o'clock, and will discuss plans for the YDC rally to be held Friday, August 24 at 7:30 p. m.

At this time Representative Hugh Q. Alexander will be present, along with Hon. Ira T. Johnston of Jefferson, Democrat candidate for the State Senate and the county candidates.

Plans are also being formulated for a district YDC rally in Boone during the month of September. All these matters and other business will be discussed Monday night.

All those interested are asked to attend.



RHODODENDRON QUEEN POSES WITH CHARLES ELLEGE, HORN CAST MEMBER

## Miss Rhododendron To Be Guest

The 1963 Miss Rhododendron Queen, Miss Betty Rae Lawhon of Rutherfordton will be honored at the Saturday, July 28 performance of Horn in the West.

Miss Lawhon was crowned Miss Rhododendron of North Carolina on Roan Mountain, Saturday, June 16 in one of the state's most colorful beauty pageants. Since that time she has toured Western North Carolina and made many personal appearances at various events throughout the state.

Miss Lawhon will be accom-

panied by her two attendants, Miss Judith Ann Bower of Jefferson and Miss Barbara Ann Deal of Lenoir.

The cast of Horn in the West will receive the beauty queens before the show Saturday night. She will then be recognized and take her place with the audience to view the famous outdoor drama.

A student at Meredith College in Raleigh, Betty Rae has devoted herself to representing North Carolina with enthusiasm and energy that is surpassed

only by her charm, poise and beauty. Betty Rae is the daughter of Mrs. Hazel Lawhon of Rutherfordton.

Horn in the West, now in its eleventh great season, is proud to honor Miss Rhododendron and her attendants and joins with them in praising and representing Western North Carolina.

Showing nightly at 8:15 p. m. to record crowds, Horn in the West is well on its way to a successful season which will climax on September 1.

## Brewer, Burch Get 18 Months In Influence Peddling Case

A Raleigh jury found Kidd Brewer, former resident of Boone and a member of the Board of Trustees at Appalachian State Teachers College, and Robert A. Burch guilty on one count of conspiracy and seven counts of influence peddling. Robert M. Burch, son of the elder Burch, was convicted on

five counts of influence peddling.

Judge Raymond Mallard sentenced Brewer and the elder Burch to 18 months in jail and gave the younger Burch a 12 months suspended sentence on payment of a \$2,500 fine and costs of court.

Notice of appeal to the State Supreme Court was given by all three.

The two older men were described by the judge as having fallen "to the lust for money."

To the younger Burch, 22, who was graduated only last month from Duke University, the judge said, "It may be (that) your only crime is you had the wrong daddy. I feel sorry for you. I feel satisfied that you knew all this free money didn't grow on trees."

He was referring to some \$41,700 which the state accused young Burch of receiving from Interstate Services, Inc., a firm belonging to Brewer. Testimony showed that most of the money finally wound up with the elder Burch.

Brewer was accused by the state of having received \$80,000

in commissions on sales which two Newark, N. J., highway sign companies made to North Carolina.

None of the three men showed much emotion during the sentencing. Brewer's teenage daughter, Linney, wept.

District Solicitor Lester V. Chalmers, Jr., suggested a suspended sentence for young Burch. The jury had asked for leniency for the defendants when the verdict was announced late Tuesday night.

Before the sentencing, the defense attorneys filed motions asking that the verdict be set aside. This being denied, they asked that judgment in the case be arrested. This, too, was denied.

In his statement to the court, Judge Mallard said, "There is (Continued on page two)

## Six Parking Meters Stolen

The city police have recovered six parking meters which were stolen by pranksters over the weekend, according to Chief H. B. Thomas.

The meters, all of which were removed from Boone's main street, are thought to have been nearly filled with change when stolen.

Chief Thomas stated that the thieves probably netted about \$30. Damage to the meters was estimated at \$300.

Investigation is continuing.

## Vote Fraud Charges Still Being Probed

Agents of the State Bureau of Investigation reportedly are still looking into charges of election fraud in Watauga County, according to S. C. Eggers, a local lawyer, and members of the County Election Board.

Eggers stated that he knows of two agents who are continuing investigation in Boone. He verified a report printed in another newspaper which stated that agents have been in the area for nearly a month.

According to the report, Howard Mast, Jr., a Valle Crucis grocer and a member of the Watauga County Board of Education, said last Thursday that four SBI agents were investigating the case.

State SBI director Walter

Anderson was quoted as having said last week that he hopes the investigation can be completed by the end of the current week.

According to Mast, the agents were looking into charges that ballot boxes were stuffed in Cove Creek in the May 26 Democratic primary. Also, investigation of alleged voting irregularities in Boone is being conducted.

After the election, a pair of judges in the Cove Creek precinct refused to certify the election returns and a public hearing on the charge of fraud was held.

During the hearing, Claude Williams, a farmer-carpenter from the Silverstone community, was accused of stuffing a ballot box with illegal ballots.

## Ed Winkler Survives Fall

A Watauga County youth is home today from the local hospital with only minor injuries following a 75 foot plunge over Dutch Creek Falls Saturday.

Ed Winkler, 16 year old son of Boone businessman Paul Winkler, sustained the injuries while on a picnic and swim party at the nearby waterfalls.

According to one eye-witness, young Winkler was crossing the waterfalls at the top of the mountainous gorge through which Dutch Creek passes when he lost his footing and slipped head first down the falls.

Miraculously he landed feet first in the pool beneath the falls and was carried away from the overflow by the swift current of the stream.

He suffered bruises on his hips and a sprained ankle.

The elder Winkler stated earlier this week, "The doctors and other people have been amazed at Eddie's escape from serious injuries. Many people have even lost their lives at the falls."

Ed was reported in good condition Tuesday at his home.

## MORE LAND NEEDED

# ASTC Makes \$9 Million Request To Budgeteers

## Says Funds Have Been Near Bottom

In making a plea to the Advisory Budget Commission last Thursday, Appalachian State Teachers College president Dr. W. H. Plemmons told the budgeters that few other state-supported college campuses are "in as bad condition" as Appalachian. He requested \$9,973,300 for capital improvements during the 1963-65 biennium.

Dr. Plemmons told the touring commissioners, "We do the best possible with what we have. Appalachian has delivered

D. S. Coltrane, chairman of the visiting committee, stated at the meeting that the fixed charges for tuition at ASTC is \$698 which includes room, board, tuition, books, and laundry for a year. This, he said, is "a most reasonable cost for higher education."

Dr. Plemmons cited ASTC's greatest need as more land, buildings, and money to operate the school. The campus at present is land locked and the campus of 12 acres is not adequate for the needs of the college, he related.

ed more education per dollar than any institution in the state."

He noted that ASTC's appropriations, compared to other state colleges, have been near the bottom of the list.

Among the several projects included in the request are four dormitories, a physical education building expansion, a cafeteria expansion, a student center, a classroom building, and other projects.

Nearly all these items were included in last year's defeated state bond issues.

"If the bond issue had been approved," Dr. Plemmons said, "Appalachian would have been over a big hump. We had more than \$6 million tied up in it."

After touring the campus, the budget committee met with the president in his office. Dr. Plemmons told the group of rapidly climbing enrollment. The school has jumped from an average of 1,400 seven years ago to an enrollment of 2,613 now. By 1965 ASTC expects nearly 3,600.

John Frank, an ASTC trustee from Mount Airy, told the Commission that the school already turns away swarms of qualified students because it lacks facilities. "These are potential public school teachers," Frank said. "We need them in North Carolina . . . and we have to slam a door in their faces."

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TELSTAR.—Congressman Hugh Q. Alexander (D-N.C.) places a call in Washington D. C., while standing beside an exact-size model of Telstar, world's first satellite to carry communications between the United States and Europe. Designed, built and paid for by the Bell System, Telstar was launched by the National Aeronautics and Space Administration July 10. Since then telephone calls, data tapes, photos and TV, including color shots, have been handled by the Bell System's ground station—another first of its kind—at Andover, Maine. Both the French and the English have ground stations which are cooperating in the experimental tests.

## Rep. Alexander Opposed To Fees On Federal Park Use

Washington, D. C., July 16—In an address before the House Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs, Congressman Hugh Alexander (D-N.C.) said he was "unalterably opposed to pending legislation before the Committee and sponsored by the Department of Interior levying fees on the use of national parks and parkways."

The bill is sponsored by the Interior Department and authorizes the President to establish admission and other recreation fees for use of land and water areas administered by agencies of the Federal Government.

Revenues received from the fees would go into a Conservation fund to be used to improve recreational facilities across the country.

President Kennedy made the proposal in a conservation message delivered to Congress in early March. In his message, the President declared:

"Expansion of our permanent recreational land base can best be achieved by investment in our future in the form of modest user payments from those who now enjoy our superb outdoor areas and from recreation and land-related receipts."

Mr. Alexander, in his address before the committee, pointed out that no charge is presently being imposed for use of federal recreational facilities in western North Carolina, although fees are imposed on similar areas in other parts of the country.

Mr. Alexander noted that the enactment of this legislation

would threaten the free use of the Blue Ridge Parkway and North Carolina's National Parks and forests, pointing out that land acquired for the Great Smoky Mountains Park by the states of North Carolina and Tennessee, with the aid of the Rockefeller Foundation, was obtained with the understanding that no fees would be imposed on the enjoyment of this natural wonder. Rep. Alexander also pointed out to the committee that rights-of-way for the Blue (Cont'd on page 4, Visitor Sec.)

## Clawson Gets FHA Position

Wade Clawson, county farmer, has been named to the Farmers Home Administration county committee, according to Jennings B. Robinson, the agency's county supervisor here. The appointment is for three years and began July 1.

The purpose of the county committee is to review applications for FHA loans. Composed of three members, the committee is set up on a rotation basis with one new member appointed each year. Mr. Clawson succeeds Joe Wellborn of Deep Gap, who has served on the committee the past three years.

Other committee members are Frank Mast, Valle Crucis, and Walter Henson, Vilas.

Mr. Clawson is a well known farmer in the Meat Camp section of Watauga.

The Farmers Home Administration extends credit accompanied by technical farm management assistance to farm families in Watauga county.

These families have used the (Continued on page two)

## College Enrolls 1776 For Second Term To Establish High Record

Enrollment at Appalachian State Teachers College soared to an all time high of 1776 students registering for the second term of summer school, according to announcement today by Dr. James Stone, director of summer sessions.

Monday's enrollment reached 1577 with an additional 199 students registering on Tuesday. One hundred forty-eight students registered for the third series of two-week workshops. Registrations and the fourth two-week workshops will probably increase the enrollment to around 2,000.

Dr. Stone said that the enrollment for the second term is an increase of approximately

20 per cent over last summer's enrollment of 1570 for the second term. College officials had expected an increase of about 10 per cent.

Enrollment for the first term of summer school soared to an all-time high of 1892 students on the first day of registration. The total registering for the first term went to over 2400. The regular summer school enrollment was increased by two series of two-week workshops.

Appalachian's summer program is somewhat unique in that nearly as many students register for the summer session as during the regular term. Dr. Stone implied that this almost makes Appalachian a 13-month

college. A state institution since 1903, the summer school enrollment at Appalachian has steadily grown through the years. Both students and faculty count it a treat to study and teach in the ideal climate of Boone.

Another unique feature of the summer session at ASTC is the many outstanding visiting professors from colleges and universities from across the nation that serve on the faculty. Each of the visiting faculty members is a specialist in his particular field and students have the opportunity of sitting at the feet of some of the best scholars in the nation.

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