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Aug. 1	80	55	tr.		83	62
Aug. 2	70	60	tr.		80	63
Aug. 3	85	59	.43		80	63
Aug. 4	85	58	.04		71	64
Aug. 5	85	67			75	62
Aug. 6	83	57	.12		79	58

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WRECKAGE OF CAR IN WHICH ONE PERSON DIED

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TRAGEDIES ON THE ROAD

Two Fatally Injured In Weekend Auto Crashes

Watauga Man, Girl Student Are Victims

A 22-year old man was killed about 2:30 p. m. Saturday when the car in which he was riding left the Blue Ridge Parkway about 18 miles east of Boone, plunged 80 to 100 feet down an embankment, overturned, and caught fire.

About 29 hours later, an Appalachian State Teachers College freshman was killed instantly in a two-car collision at Foscoe, eight miles southwest of this college town.

In the first accident, James Barnard Woodring of Boone, Route 2 was the victim. He was listed by Parkway Ranger Kim Feen as the driver of the automobile at the time the accident occurred.

Riding with Woodring were Wayne Claude Greene, 22, of Boone, Route 4, and Billy B. Blackburn of Todd. Both were admitted to Watauga County Hospital. Greene was discharged Sunday. Blackburn was reported in "satisfactory" condition at the hospital Monday.

Woodring is survived by his widow, Mrs. Louise E. Woodring; a son, James A. Woodring of the home; his parents, Angus Jackson Woodring and Ida Lewis Woodring; two brothers, Ernest Woodring of Boone, Route 2 and Grady Woodring of Lenoir; and three sisters, Mrs. Philip Spann of Blowing Rock and Miss Jean Woodring and Mrs. John Kerley, both of Lenoir.

The funeral was held Monday, August 6, at 2 p. m., in the Perkinsville Baptist Church. Officiating were the Rev. Maurice Cooper and the Rev. David McCord. Burial was in the Hopewell cemetery.

Nineteen-year-old Miss Kay Sharp, a freshman elementary education and English major from Maiden was the fatally injured person in the two-car wreck at Foscoe.

Injured in the accident were Larry Mays of the Beech Creek community and Jim Thompson Bishop, a social studies major at ASTC, from Virginia.

Both survivors of the accident were reported in "satisfac-

Patrolman Baker stated to the Watauga Democrat Monday afternoon that the driver of the car in which Miss Sharpe was riding was Larry Zane Mays. Mays, Miss Sharpe, and Jack Bishop were passengers in a 1961 MG sports car. Miss Sharpe and Bishop were thrown from the wreckage.

Arthur Joe Walker of Spindale was identified as the driver of the other car involved. Driving south on N. C. 105, in his 1961 Oldsmobile, Walker's car tried to avoid the skidding Mays vehicle on the rain-slick road. The two cars collided head-on.

condition at the Watauga Hospital Monday. Their extent of injuries was not released for publication at that time.

Miss Sharpe suffered a broken neck, Richard Kelley, Watauga County coroner, reported. Investigating State Highway Patrolman George E. Baker re-

United Fund Board Meets

The Board of Directors of Watauga County United Fund, Inc., will meet this Thursday, August 9, at 12:00 noon (lunch) at the Daniel Boone Inn). Board members are urged to be present at this meeting for the budget will be presented and all new matters for the coming fall campaign will be discussed.



ASTC STADIUM construction continues through August as the opening date for the mammoth structure, hollowed out of a natural mountain basin, draws near. The first football game to be played on the new field is scheduled for September 15 when the Mountaineers face Emory and Henry. Advanced tickets will go on sale in the near future, according to a college spokesman. The above picture was taken from the upper rim of the stadium, looking northwest. The field house is in the background.—Photo by Gaddy.

ROOMING FACILITIES CROWDED

Appalachian To Draw 2800 For Fall Term, Says Registrar

Appalachian State Teachers College expects an enrollment in excess of 2800 for the fall term, according to H. R. Eggers, registrar at ASTC.

Approximately 240 freshmen are expected to enroll in classes on the Boone Campus. Added to this figure should be approximately 118 transfer students which will put the new student enrollment close to 1,000. This enrollment is about the same as last year.

Eggers said that this large enrollment, while a source of satisfaction to the college authorities, also brings its problems. Rooming facilities are taxed to

Andrews To Go To Md.

The Rev. David Andrews and family will be moving from Boone to Baltimore, Md., on August 14, he reports. Mr. Andrews was for several years director of Wesley Foundation at the Boone Methodist Church, working with students at Appalachian State Teachers College.

Mr. Andrews will be director of the Methodist student work at Morgan State College, at the interdenominational Christian center there.

According to Mr. Andrews, Morgan College was founded as a Methodist-related school in 1867. It became a four-year state liberal arts college in 1939, after the merger of the Northern and Southern branches of the Methodist Church.

Morgan State College is about the same size as Appalachian State Teachers College, and has a spacious campus with modern facilities. The Andrews family will be living at 848 Woodbourne Ave., and they will welcome correspondence and visits by friends in the Boone area.

dormitories for both men and the limit, with many of the women having been converted into facilities for three in a room. This is not the happiest situation, but is necessary to make a place for those who want to go to college and are qualified for college work. The requirements for admission, according to Eggers have been raised and tightened during the past few years.

Graduate Studies Dr. Cratis Williams, director of graduate studies, says that enrollment in the graduate division is ahead of any previous year, with a 10 per cent increase over last year. Between 880 and 1,000 students are expected in the resident, extension and Saturday graduate classes at Appalachian this fall. Among the group will be 57 who have been appointed as teaching fellows, graduate assistants, departmental assistants, and research fellows. Thirty of these are enrolled in the program preparing junior college teachers.

Dr. John Bozard, ASTC dean of instruction, said that chang-

es in curriculum for the coming year will include the following:

Curriculum Changes Among these are several courses in political philosophy, American political parties, comparative government and politics, and international organization and law; the geography of Russia and the geography of middle America are added to the area of geography; in the foreign languages, two year courses in German will be offered.

Also several revisions have been made in the home economics curriculum. Included among new courses in the department of education and psychology are a program of studies in audio-visual education leading to the Master of Arts degree. Other new courses are social foundations of education, psychological foundations of education, curriculum for kindergarten, and the junior high school curriculum and organization. Three graduate courses have been added to the curriculum; namely school law, (Continued on page six)

Red Cross Is Praised For Blood Collection

Local blood recruitment chairman, Joe McClung, reported last week that Watauga County is one of only four Red Cross Chapters in the Piedmont Region which received a special commendation for showing marked improvement in blood collections for the recently ended fiscal year, 1961-62.

A special memo from the Charlotte Blood Center cited recognition for the mountain county "for blood collections in excess of usage for the fiscal year July 1961 to July 1962." McClung reported that the

quota for blood collection for last year in Watauga County was 375 pints; the local chapter collected 530 pints.

Thanks were expressed by the local chairman to all of the donors, "who have made this record so outstanding and for bringing recognition to Watauga County for such a wonderful job and a record that is going to be hard to beat for this fiscal year."

The date for the next Bloodmobile visit has been set for October 18.

HE DOESN'T EXPECT TAXES TO DOUBLE

Revaluation Work Is Continuing; County Appeals Board Is Named

By JOE C. MINOR

Work is progressing rapidly on the tax revaluation in the county, and in some townships more than 90% of the field work has been completed, according to W. J. Nelson, of the Southern Appraisal Company, Greensboro, who is supervising the project.

When completed, the book value of real property in Watauga is expected to be double or more than that of the present valuation, according to J. D. Winebarger, county tax supervisor.

Mr. Nelson said that due to the "wonderful cooperation we're getting" from the property owners, the work could possibly be completed days ahead of the November 15 deadline given his company for revaluing the more than 75,000 parcels of real estate in the county. He and his associates are receiving the best cooperation here of anywhere he has worked, he said.

Although no work has been done in some townships, Mr. Nelson said 90% of the "foot work" has been completed in Boone and Laurel Creek townships, 75% in Stony Fork, 50% in the Town of Blowing Rock, and some work has been done in Beaver Dam, North Fork, Bald Mountain, and Meat Camp. Work was to begin in New River

soon. A crew of five and six men are doing the work, he said.

Present valuation, based on the 1961 revaluation scale, is placed at approximately \$27 million, and the new valuation is expected to go to \$50 million or more, Mr. Winebarger predicted. He based his predictions on the general rise in value of real estate over the years and the tremendous amount of building that has been done in the county.

Mr. Nelson would give no figures, and stressed the fact that his company never releases any figures to the public or individuals. After their work is completed, the results will be turned over to the county commissioners.

The usual procedure then is for the commissioners to notify (Continued on page two)

Ray Is Given GE Award



D. O. RAY

Swofford's, Inc., of Boone, has been honored and presented a plaque in recognition of the excellent service performed by its service department on General Electric major appliances, television and stereo.

Mr. D. O. Ray was presented the General Electric Good Service Plaque at a recent dinner meeting held by Walker Martin, Inc., distributors, at Charlotte.

Mr. J. A. Cornatzer, Product Service Manager for General Electric major appliances for North Carolina, praised the excellent service rendered to the community by Swofford's, Inc., and presented the award to D. O. Ray.

This is the first time that the Service Award has been won by the local GE dealer.

Chorus Will Sing At 'Horn'

A special treat is in store for those who attend Thursday's performance of Horn in the West, according to Dr. W. G. Spencer, head of the Appalachian State Teachers College and coordinator of the Eleventh Annual Music Education Workshop at the college.

The 174 voice chorus, composed of those attending the workshop, will present selections which they have been studying prior to the showing of the drama. The chorus will be under direction of Vito Mason, director of music, Ithaca, New York.

The workshop is in its second and final week. Sponsored by the college in cooperation with The American Institute of Music Education, the workshop has several outstanding teachers of music on the faculty. They include Francis S. Fox, chairman of the workshop, who is music editor for the Silver Burdett Co., Morristown, N. J.; Elizabeth Crook, assistant professor, University of Delaware; (Continued on page eight)

Photo Contest Posts \$35 In Cash Prizes

The Watauga Democrat announces with this issue of the paper the beginning of a photo contest which runs to the end of the month (August). Prize money totaling \$35 will be awarded to the top winners, according to editor R. C. Rivers.

Judges for the contest are John Corey and Larry Penley of the Appalachian State Teachers College news bureau and Dale Gaddy of the Democrat.

Two Classes Of Judging

Two classes of judging will be made with first, second, and third place winners in each division receiving \$10, \$5, and \$2.50, respectively. The divisions have been tabbed "Class I—Current Photographs," and "Class II—Historical Photographs."

Under Class I will come all human interest and news photographs. That is, pictures of wrecks, fires, visiting dignitaries, the arrival of a new business in town, etc., will be classified as news. Pictures of, say, ducks on a pond or horses in a field, etc., will be considered feature photos. News and feature pictures will be judged collectively.

Old pictures (taken years ago as opposed to recent photographs of historical subjects) will be classified as historical. Pictures of relatives, houses, cars, events, etc., which were taken years ago will be placed in this division of the contest.

Black And White Photos

Only black and white photos will be accepted. The Watauga Democrat reserves the right to publish any photo entered in the contest; all photos may be reclaimed by calling for specific entries at the main desk at the Watauga Democrat office on King Street, after September 6.

The name and complete address of the person entering a picture should be written in ink or dark lead pencil on each photo submitted. All photos should be brought or mailed to the office by no later than August 31.

Photos may be the standard size snapshot or larger. A person may make as many entries as he wishes.

Amateurs Only

Only amateur photographers are eligible. No member of the Watauga Democrat staff nor their families and no member of the Appalachian news bureau nor their families is eligible.

So, come on. Join the fun. Young and old, experienced cameramen or beginners. Everyone is invited to participate in this three-week contest.

Who knows? Maybe you will be one of the winners.

Watauga Vote Charges May Get Court Action

Newton Aug. 2.—Criminal indictment appears to be in order in alleged ballot box stuffing in Watauga county's May 26 primary, Sixteenth District Superior Court Solicitor B. T. Falls, Jr., of Shelby said here today.

Solicitor Falls is prosecuting criminal cases this week and next in the July-August term of Catawba county Superior court.

He said today that while he has not finished his study of an SBI report of his probe in alleged Watauga county elec-

tion irregularities, "there appears enough smoke to find some fire."

Bill To Grand Jury

Solicitor Falls declined to name any one, at this time, against whom indictments may be brought, but said a bill likely will be presented to the Watauga County Grand Jury when it convenes in September. He indicated he planned to proceed under the State's felony statute regarding election irregularities. (Continued on page two)