

BOONE WEATHER					
1963	Hi	Lo	prec.	'62	Hi
July 16	74	54		81	62
July 17	80	56	.03	82	57
July 18	82	62	.14	80	63
July 19	75	65		78	53
July 20	71	63	.14	81	55
July 21	74	60	.62	80	59
July 22	76	56		80	57

TO TAKE LONG STEP FORWARD

\$5 Million Buildings To Be Constructed At ASTC

State Funds, Borrowed Money Used

Appalachian State Teachers College will take a long step forward as another building program for the local campus was made possible through action of the General Assembly.

This building program during the 1963-65 biennium, involving over \$5 million of state appropriations, is scheduled to get underway in the near future as soon as building plans, bids and loans have been completed.

The Board of Trustees of ASTC met recently to decide if the college would proceed with construction that required the borrowing of money. Their decision was to construct the following buildings:

Construction With Borrowed Money
Two dormitories for 500 women to replace Lovill and White Halls at a cost of \$1,374,300. The college will have to borrow \$549,300 of this amount.

Replacement and enlargement of facilities for health and physical education at a cost of \$1,197,000. One fourth of this amount will be borrowed by Appalachian.

A student center to be constructed at a cost of \$1,025,000. This building is 100 per cent self-liquidating.

A dormitory for 300 men to be constructed at a cost of \$825,000 of which the entire amount is self-liquidating.

Construction With Entire Amount Appropriated
Renovation of Old Science Building and convert to general use. The state appropriated \$75,000 for renovation and \$35,000 for furniture and equipment.

The state appropriated \$575,000 for construction of a building for administrative offices.

\$890,000 was appropriated for enlargement of library facilities.

\$14,000 was appropriated for seats for the auditorium in the present administration building.

\$698,000 was appropriated for an addition to or expansion of the present cafeteria facilities.

Construction of a Nursery School Building was approved at a cost of \$72,000.

\$125,000 was appropriated for equipment for the New Science Building.

\$90,000 was appropriated for repairs to the power plant and distribution system, replacements for steam heating system and purchase of a boiler.

The General Assembly added \$600,167 to the general operating budget of the college for the 1963-65 biennium.

Badgley Visits Young GOP

The Watauga County Young Republican Club will hold its regular monthly meeting at 8 p.m. Thursday, July 25, at the court house in Boone. Guest speaker will be Donald Badgley, recently announced candidate for the Republican nomination for Governor.

Mr. Badgley is a resident of Greensboro and was one of four Republican representatives elected by Guilford County to the 1963 General Assembly.

A large crowd is expected.



Construction Accident

Donald Eugene Cooper of Asheboro and Donnie Richard Dellinger of Lawndale were injured Friday morning at the construction site of the Boone plant of the Blue Ridge Shoe

Co. on Greenway Road when a steel bar joist on which they were standing (upper right of picture) fell to the ground.—Rivers photo.

Two Men Are Injured As Steel Joist Falls From Frame Work

Dr. Curtis McGowan at Watauga Hospital said that Donald Eugene Cooper of Asheboro suffered a broken leg and head injuries and Donnie Richard Dellinger of Lawndale suffered a possible spine fracture and possible internal injuries after a steel bar joist at the construction site of the Blue Ridge Shoe Co. suddenly fell Friday morning.

Witnesses said two other welders were also standing on the steel cross-pieces, bridging the bar joists on the construction that will house the new shoe plant this fall, when the accident occurred. One end of the beam struck on Cooper's leg, witnesses said, then bounced, striking him on the head and also striking Dellinger.

Onlookers reported that the two other men jumped clear of

the beam and were not injured. Cooper and Dellinger are said to be employees of Newton Steel Erecting Co., a subcontractor to N. C. Monroe Construction Co.



W. C. RICHARDSON

Richardson Lt. Governor Of Civitans

W. C. (Woody) Richardson of the Boone Civitan Club is the new Lt. Governor of Zone 3 of the North Carolina Civitan District. He is Past-President and has been program chairman and chairman of youth activities committee for the Boone club.

Lt. Governor Richardson will serve Boger City, Lincolnville, Lenoir, Hickory, Statesville, Wilkes, and the Boone Civitan Clubs. His main responsibility is to act as a liaison between the clubs and the Deputy Governor and Governor of the North Carolina District of Civitan International. Woody will hold training meetings for the Officers of all clubs in zone 3. He will visit each club periodically and hold zone meetings and work with other zone Lt. Governors in the area and district meetings.

The selection of Lt. Governor Richardson from the Boone Club is an honor since the Boone Club has only been organized since October of 1959.

Mrs. Murry To Visit Russia

Mrs. Howard Murry of Valle Crucis is one of 85 American home economists who will visit the Soviet Union in August to inspect institutions related to family life.

The group, believed to be the largest group of women from one profession to go to the U. S. S. R., leaves New York on July 18 for a major stop in Paris, July 22-27, for the 10th International Congress of Home Economics.

Mrs. Murry will return on August 15.

Dr. Wilson Sees OK In Bond Vote

Dr. H. M. Wilson told a dinner meeting of the Boone Lions Club on July 16 that a formal request for Federal funds for a new Watauga County hospital has been made, which, if approved, will make \$1½ million available for the hospital.

He stated that the Federal Government might assist because Watauga County is considered part of a depressed area, but that Federal assistance will come only if voters support the bond issue in September.

The \$500,000 bond issue represents only 45 per cent of the cost of the urgently needed hospital, said Wilson. Crowded beyond capacity, the present hospital, which was designed to accommodate 35 patients, is serving 50 patients.

Displaying an architect's drawing and blue prints, Wilson told the Lions that the hospital board plans to start the new 100-bed hospital this fall if Watauga voters for the bond issue in September.

Major J. H. Thomas, newly elected president of the club, assured Dr. Wilson that the Boone Lions Club will do everything it can to help the people of Watauga County have their new hospital.

Thomas said he feels sure the bond issue will be approved.

Civitan Club Announces Committees

Newly installed Boone Civitan Club president William G. Spencer has announced the 1963-64 standing committees.

These are the folks who are responsible to their club for each area of work done by the Boone Civitan Club:

Attendance and membership: Oscar Danner, Jr., chairman, Norman Critcher, and Ray Farthing.

Program: Gwyn Hayes, chairman; Bob Davis, W. B. York, Howard Edmisten.

Youth Activities: Carl Fidler, chairman; W. C. Richardson, Ben Fox, and Ed Norris.

Finance: Phil Smith, chairman; Bobby Sherrill, Charles Isley, and Joe Mast.

Fruit Cake: Bobby Sherrill, chairman; Max Fox, J. C. Pitts, and Ernest Dancy.

Pancake: Charles Isley and Joe Mast, co-chairmen; Ray Luther, Henry Taylor.

Publicity: Roy Isley, chairman; and Town Greer.

Benevolence: Norman Critcher, chairman; Ned Glenn, and Custer Wallace.

Other 1963 officers include president-elect, Edgar Greene; secretary, Oscar Danner, Jr.; treasurer, Phil Smith; sgt.-at-

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Local Lots Sell Easily

Mr. S. C. Eggers, local realtor, tells the Democrat that last Saturday morning he sold at auction fifty-four lots in the Snaggy Mountain sub-division for \$10,000.

Saturday afternoon he auctioned off 47 lots on 421 bypass in just 20 minutes, marking the most spirited selling he has enjoyed in his long experience. These lots brought a total of \$9,100. When the sale was finished, buyers were still left, Mr. Eggers said.

The demand for good realty in Watauga continues on the upgrade, Mr. Eggers said, and added that at least half the lots sold Saturday went to people from Florida.

Yoders Have Guests

Mrs. J. M. Hall, Mrs. Hazel Hall and Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Barber of Winston-Salem were recent visitors in the home of Dr. and Mrs. J. C. Yoder.

Disastrous Fire

Part of the charred remains of The Mystery Hill Museum of Mountain Life still smoked Sunday afternoon after a flash fire destroyed the large frame building and restaurant that morning. Many irreplaceable curios also were destroyed. — Rivers photo.

"Mystery Hill" Structures Destroyed In Sunday Blaze

A small building housing a gravitation phenomenon, an ancient telephone, two curios more than 100 years old, a side saddle and an ox-yoke were all that remained of the Mystery Hill Museum of Mountain Life, mid-way between Boone and Blowing Rock, after fire broke out Sunday morning.

According to co-owner Buford Stamey of Boone, the fire broke out about 10 a. m., af-

ter 11 people had just finished the guided tour through the museum. One person who was inside the building when the fire started escaped injury.

Stamey says he believes the blaze was started by defective electrical wiring; he reported that blue flames burst from the switchboard after he heard a popping sound.

The monetary loss, partially

covered by insurance, is between \$12,000 and \$15,000, he said. However, curios housed in the large frame building destroyed by fire, cannot be replaced. Stamey and co-owner, R. J. Underwood, were unable to place a value on these objects.

Erected about eight years ago by W. F. Hudson of Florida and purchased by Stamey and Underwood of Boone five years ago, the large frame structure also housed a restaurant in which new equipment recently was installed.

The small building that survived damage, called The Mystery Hill, gives an illusion of defying gravitation. This curious structure stands southeast of the building razed Sunday.

The owners reported that 30,000 people visited the museum last year and that business had been equally good this season. They plan to rebuild as soon as possible, although they do not think the curios, which were displayed to demonstrate how mountain people lived in the past, can be replaced.

Lionel Ward Dies; Is Called Suicide

Lionel Ward, well-known district veterans service officer, shot himself about 11:45 a. m. Friday at his home in Boone and died about 7:30 p. m. in Watauga Hospital, Sheriff Dallas Cheek reported.

No reason had been found for the act, Sheriff Cheek said. Coroner Richard Kelly declared the death a suicide and stated that no inquest would be necessary.

According to the Sheriff, Ward called his (Ward's) office at the County Building in Boone and told a girl who took the call that he was going to shoot himself.

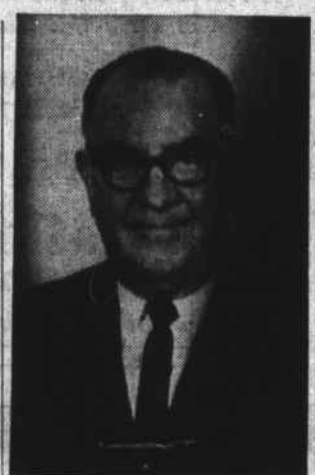
The girl telephoned the sheriff who, in turn, went to the County Building—a rock structure which sits a few yards from the sheriff's office. Sheriff Cheek stated that "after calming the girl down enough to find out what was the matter," he ran back to the Sheriff's Department where he phoned the Ward residence, hoping to "talk him out of it."

However, after the phone rang "five or six times," the sheriff and jailer J. C. Brown drove to Ward's home, about one-and-a-half miles west of the county building.

At the Ward house, Cheek and Brown found all three outside doors locked from within. However, Brown detected a small slit in the rear screen through which he inserted a pocket knife to lift the latch.

Cheek entered the house first and found Ward lying on a bed in a bedroom. A bullet had entered the right temple and passed through the opposite side of the skull. He was clutching a .22 calibre rifle.

No note was found, Sheriff Cheek said. He did note, however, that it was commonly known that Ward's health was not good. Cheek also said that it is believed by some that Ward could have retired several



LIONEL WARD

years ago on 100 per cent disability.

Ward had been out of his office Thursday because of an attack of asthma, jailer Brown stated.

Ward became Watauga veterans service officer in 1920 when the county's first American Legion post was organized in Boone. He had been post Commander, Post Adjutant and a member of the VFW.

He did the job without pay until 1944 when the state Veterans Commission was established and such positions were put on the state payroll.

Besides Watauga he had been serving nearby counties which have no veteran officers.

Born in Watauga County on June 26, 1894 to the late Andrew Jackson Ward and Catherine (Continued on page eight)

Record First-Half Sales Are Reported By IRC's President

PHILADELPHIA — Record first-half sales of \$14,407,872 were achieved by International Resistance Company, President Walter W. Slocum announced today (Monday, July 15, 1963). The previous record for a similar period was \$14,286,212 set in 1962.

Net earnings amounted to \$743,393, or 51 cents per share, as compared with \$1,165,873, or 80 cents per share in the 1962 period, both calculated on the

1,462,208 shares outstanding during the period ended on June 23, 1963.

In a report to stockholders, the IRC official attributed the lower earnings to "deliberately increased expenses for marketing, development, and facilitation for the unusual number of new products — the life-blood of any company — to be introduced this year."

Mr. Slocum noted that "first-

half earnings have borne the brunt of extraordinary expenses as predicted; and, second-half earnings should show significant improvement."

He further stated, "We shall enter 1964 with all facilities in top shape for competitive operations, extraordinary expenses reduced to normal, with new and improved product lines to market, and with excellent prospects for substantially improved earnings."

County Surpasses Savings Bond Quota

Watauga county people have subscribed to 100.8 per cent of the county's Savings Bond quota for the entire year, says A. T. Adams, county bond sales chairman.

Sales totalled \$60,720, Mr. Adams said.