

BOONE WEATHER					
1963	Hi	Lo	Prec.	'62	Hi
July 30	76	63	1.50		78
July 31	76	60	.58		75
Aug. 1	79	62	.03		80
Aug. 2	82	57			70
Aug. 3	85	57			66
Aug. 4	81	69			80
Aug. 5	80	60			83

Two Hurt As Plane Crashes

A pilot and his 9-year-old nephew were injured about 5:30 p. m. Sunday in an attempt to successfully land a light single motor airplane on the Boone Golf Course about two miles east of here.

According to Deputy Sheriff J. A. Brown, the pilot, Cecil Wagner of 945 Antioch Road in Johnson City, Tenn., said he believed the plane was low on fuel and felt he would run out before he could reach the Tri-Cities Airport in Tennessee.

Wagner and his passenger, Billy Leonard, also of Johnson City, were not believed to be seriously injured and both were reported to suffer only from relatively minor lacerations.

Witnesses told Deputy Brown that the light plane, a small Piper Colt, circled the golf course several times to warn players of the attempt to land. A successful landing could have been made on a fairway, Brown said, but the wheels hit a gully, extensively damaging the nose of the plane.

Wagner was quoted as saying he didn't realize he was over Boone, or he would have continued his flight.

The plane was on route to Tri-Cities from Roanoke, Va.

Horn Gate Is Biggest In 6 Years

The largest crowd in six years turned out to see the outdoor drama "Horn in the West" here Saturday night.

Over 1400 persons went through the turnstiles leading into the sweeping Daniel Boone Amphitheatre, reported Herman W. Wilcox, executive vice-president of the sponsoring non-profit Southern Appalachian Historical Association.

"Horn in the West", enjoying its best season in many years, tells the story of Daniel Boone and early American pioneers fight for freedom against British redcoats and Indians.

"Horn in the West" is currently showing to a 20% larger audience than last year.

Wilcox attributes the attendance upturn to a greater interest in North Carolina's tourist attractions by visitors to the state.

Helping also is a turn toward favorable weather, increased promotion and a revised drama loaded with Indian fire dances and hair-raising battle scenes that send theatre-goers home to report the good word to their neighbors.



Fine Harness Championship

Accepting the first place ribbon and check Sunday in the Fine Harness Championship Stake at the Blowing Rock Horse Show is Miss Susan Snively of Blowing Rock and

Lands On Golf Course In Boone

Tied down on the first fairway at Boone Golf Course is a small Piper Colt plane owned by Cecil Wagner of Johnson City, Tenn. He and his 9-year-old nephew were injured

when the plane crash-landed about 5:30 p. m. Sunday, en route to Tri-Cities, Tenn. Tuesday, men were taking the plane apart to move it off the course.—Staff photo.

Watauga School Bond Financing Plan Revealed

The Watauga Board of County Commissioners, in special session Tuesday, July 30, approved a projected plan to finance the forthcoming school bonds to be voted on next month.

The commissioners adopted a twenty-five year payment schedule for the proposed \$1,630,000 school bond issue as proposed by the North Carolina Local Government Commission.

This action was taken to give school officials the information needed to inform our citizens on the additional investment which will be required to retire the proposed bonds.

In accordance with the proposed bond retirement schedule, the citizens of Watauga will be required to make an additional investment of thirty-five cents for the fiscal year 1964-65 based on each one hundred dollars of taxable property and a total taxable valuation of \$33 million. Currently, the county is operating under a tax rate of eighty-five cents and this is subject to change from year to year depending upon the income requirements and the assessed valuation of property.

The additional investment of thirty-five cents will be a maximum rate for only the first year of the debt requirement. Thereafter, the rate will be reduced by one cent annually based on the present valuation of \$33 million plus an even greater reduction as the valuation of our property increases. This decrease is possible due to the annual decrease in the

amount required to retire the bonds from the first year to the last year of the bond schedule.

There is reason to believe that property valuations will continue to increase due to the almost sudden increase in industrial development, growth of Appalachian State Teachers College, and the growth of the tourist industry in this area. In order to keep pace with the expanding economy of our area, the urgent need for expanding our educational facilities becomes more and more realistic.

Commenting further, County

Foreign Student Dies In Crash

Ozark, Ala.—A foreign student of the Army Aviation School was killed Tuesday night in the crash of an OV-1 Mohawk airplane on the Ft. Rucker Army reservation here.

Capt. David F. Horton, 30, of Sugar Grove, N. C., parachuted safely before the crash. Horton is assigned to the 11th Air Assault Division at Ft. Benning, Ga.

The name of the Allied student was withheld until his next of kin were notified. An investigating team was appointed to learn the cause of the crash.

Horton and the student were on a routine night training flight when the twin-engine reconnaissance plane crashed and burned.

Superintendent Guy Angell points out:

In an effort to give our citizens

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Winkler Heads Auto Area Body

Raleigh, July 30 — W. R. Winkler, Winkler Motor Co., Inc., Boone, has been reappointed to serve as Area Chairman of the North Carolina Automobile Dealers Association for Watauga County, according to an announcement made today by Troy Smith, president. Winkler will act as liaison officer between new car and truck dealers in Watauga County and NCADA and the National Automobile Dealers Association.

It will be Winkler's responsibility to keep his area informed of state and national affairs affecting the automotive industry, and, in turn, to advise the state and national Associations of events on the local scene. He will also head a county-wide membership campaign for both organizations in the fall.

Winkler has been in the automobile business since 1919 and has served as Area Chairman for Watauga County since 1958.

Active in civic affairs, he is a member of the Lions Club and the Chamber of Commerce.

TEACHER ROSTER GIVEN

School Bells To Ring For 4,000 Watauga Children

160 Teachers To Work Here During Term

Four thousand students are expected to enroll in Watauga county schools this year, and 160 teachers will be available, representing an increase of seven teachers over the enrollment of last year, says County Superintendent Guy Angell.

The first regular day of school will be August 22, when all cafeterias will be open and classes will operate on regular schedules.

School principals report for work Thursday, Aug. 8, in preparation for the opening of the 1963-64 school term. Supt. Angell announced Friday. Classroom teachers assume their duties on Monday, August 16, the first day of the 3-day orientation period prior to the opening of the 180 day school term. A county-wide orientation meeting of all principals and teachers is scheduled on the 10th at 9 a. m. in the auditorium of the Appalachian Elementary School. Following this meeting, all teachers will report to the respective school for additional orientation by the principals.

On Tuesday, August 20, all bus drivers will report to the County School Bus Garage for assignment to buses.

Wednesday, August 21, is designated as Teacher-Pupil orientation day. All buses will operate on this date to transport students to schools for registration and assignment to classrooms; students will be dismissed at 11 a. m.

The following holiday schedule has been adopted by the Board: Tuesday, Sept. 20 — all schools will be closed for the annual Northwest District NCEA meeting scheduled in Boone.

Thursday and Friday, Nov. 28, 29 — all schools will be closed in observance of the Thanksgiving holidays.

Christmas holidays begin at the close of school Friday, Dec. 20; classes will be resumed Monday, Dec. 30 (5 school days).

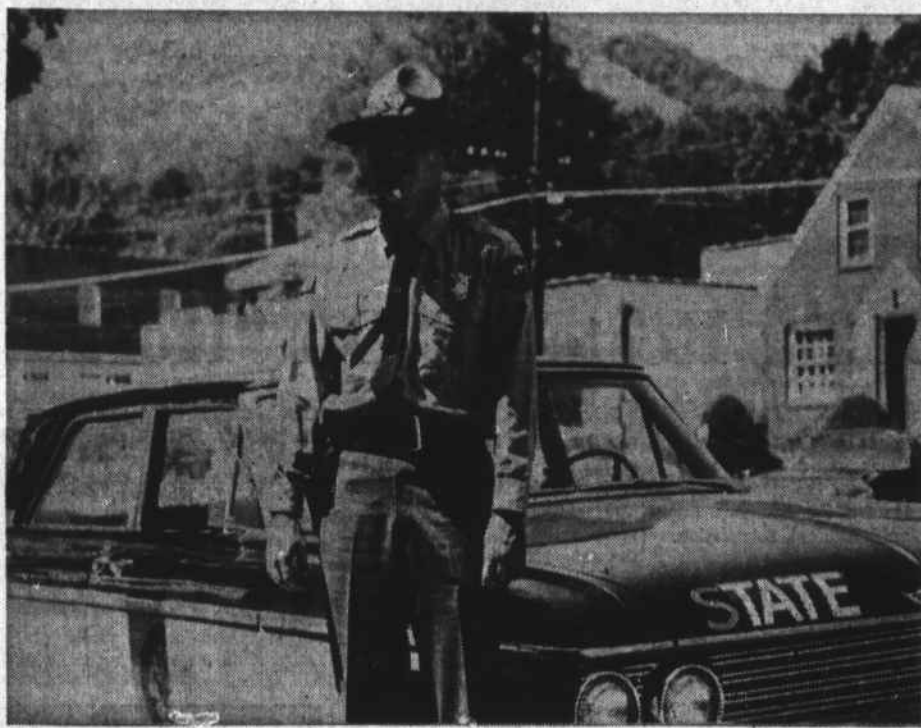
Easter holidays begin at the close of school Thursday, March 28; classes will be resumed (Continued on page three)

3,770 X-Rays Taken In City

Through last Saturday, 3,770 x-rays were taken at the mobile unit on King Street in Boone, for an average of 471 a day.

The unit went to the prison camp Tuesday, and then to the Shadowline plant. On Wednesday the unit was to be at the IRC plant.

Last year a total of 4,807 pictures were taken including the plants and prison camp.



New State Trooper Arrives

Pfc. Gary L. Morgan of the N. C. State Highway Patrol, has been added to the Watauga County unit of the law enforcement agency, according to district sergeant C. M. Jones of Lenoir. Morgan, a patrolman since May of last year, was transferred to this county from Mecklenburg County. The transfer was effective August 7. Morgan joins Watauga troops George Baker and W. D. Teem to bring the total of full-time pa-

trolmen in the county to three. Married to the former Miss Judith Ann Burleson, the couple is native to Buncombe County where, until entering the Highway Patrol, Morgan was employed by the American Enka Corporation. A veteran of the U. S. Army, Morgan attended Western Carolina College. The Morgans, who are Baptists, will reside in Boone.—Staff photo.

PRESENT BUILDING INADEQUATE

Says New Hospital Would Cost County Only \$500,000

An ultra modern hospital costing \$1 1/2 million is now available to the people of Watauga County for an investment of \$500,000 says James Marsh, Chairman of the Watauga Hos-

pital Steering Committee.

This proposed 85-100-bed hospital would replace an obsolete hospital that was designed 20 years ago for 35 beds.

The trustees of the Watauga hospital feel that a new hospital is a must for the county if adequate medical care is to be provided. The present hospital is overcrowded most of the time with beds sometimes placed in the halls, continued Mr. Marsh, adding:

Anyone who has used the facilities for the local hospital realize that one toilet facility to an entire floor is not adequate.

The county needs a new hospital to care for a growing population in the county and at the college. The North Carolina Medical Care Commission has advised the hospital trustees and the county that the present hospital is obsolete and that the county should build a new hospital without delay.

A new hospital is a necessity to maintain the present industrial growth in the county and to attract additional industry. New industry will locate where there is adequate hospital and school facilities. A lack of industry is one of the primary reasons that many of the young people of the county are leaving to seek employment in communities that have these facilities.

For the new hospital to be a reality it will be necessary for the people of Watauga County to go to the polls on September 10, 1963 and approve the \$500,000 bond issue for the new hospital, Mr. Marsh said. For your health's sake this will be the best investment that the citizens of this county can make. The tax payer will have to pay about 12 cents additional on the \$100 dollars of property evaluation to make this hospital a reality, Mr. Marsh added, continuing: "If the bond issue is ap-

Mrs. Pope May Have Tried To End Own Life

Mrs. Nellie Pope, 50, of Beaver Dam community is still in critical condition, according to an official at Watauga hospital, after she was shot about 10:30 a. m., Wednesday, July 31, at her home.

Watauga County Sheriff Dallas Cheek said his investigation indicated Mrs. Pope had shot herself with a .22-caliber automatic rifle. However, he said she told him and Deputy Sheriff Ed Harmon when they found her, "I didn't do it."

He said they found the rifle she allegedly shot herself with in another room, but there were powder burns on her dress.

He said Mrs. Pope's children reported seeing her take the rifle into the bedroom and close the door. The children said they left the house then and went to a neighbor's home. One of the older girls told him she returned to the house, saw her mother in the bedroom, then left.

The sheriff said Mrs. Pope was shot in the chest, but that the bullet missed her heart.

Mrs. Pope, an employee of a restaurant in Boone, has four children ranging from age 10 to 18.

The sheriff said the investigation is continuing.

Blowing Rock Legion Meeting

The American Legion Post 256, Blowing Rock will hold its regular monthly meeting at the Legion Hall on Thursday, August 8, at 7:30 p. m., according to Peter S. Greene, Post Adjutant.

Proud Ponies Prance Under Sunny Skies At Horse Show

The Fortieth Annual Blowing Rock Horse Show closed down Sunday afternoon, the best and the "driest" show that has ever been held in Blowing Rock.

To the delight of spectators and exhibitors, the seven performances of the show, which ran August 1-4, were held under sunny skies, with no rain or fog at all.

Thursday and Friday, the annual event drew large audiences, but officials estimate the weekend brought in approximately 4,000 spectators,

filling the parking lots to capacity so that many had to park as far as one-half mile from the show grounds at Broyhill Park.

At the Sunday afternoon performance, spectators stood in memory of Lloyd M. Tate, founder of the show who died six years ago, and the late Mrs. Tate who handled the Blowing Rock show after his death. Mary Ann Tate Garde, show manager, presented memorial trophies in two championship classes.

During the show the far-

rier was called to the ring several times to replace lost horseshoes. "Pop" Houser, limited to 7 minutes for the task, shod each horse in less than 3 minutes.

Several riders took spills from their horses this year, although no serious injuries were reported. Kay Buchanan, ASTC co-ed from Sanford, N. C., received slight injuries from a fall Friday afternoon.

A bigger and better show is expected to be held next year, if such is possible, and even (Continued on page three)