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BOONE WEATHER						
1963	Hi	Lo	prec.	'62	Hi	Lo
Sept. 10	77	50			79	61
Sept. 11	76	54			79	62
Sept. 12	76	51			81	49
Sept. 13	70	62	.13		82	49
Sept. 14	66	50	.28		82	55
Sept. 15	64	47	.10		76	53
Sept. 16	70	49			65	55

Open House Observed At Co. Library

The staff of the Watauga County Library celebrated the addition of about 1300 square feet of floor space to the library by holding open house Monday from 2-5 p. m.

The library opened its regular hours of 9-12 a. m. and 1-4 p. m. on Tuesday, after having been closed for two weeks for the renovation process.

Refreshments were served at the open house, and all who came appeared to be much impressed both by the refreshments and the new floor space. Officials reported that they were very pleased by the attendance.

Among those present at the opening were Homer F. Brown, Regional Director of Libraries for Ashe, Watauga, and Wilkes; regional trustees W. Guy Angell of Boone and Mrs. Barbara Chatham of Elkin; local trustee Mrs. R. H. Harmon; and Mrs. Carrie Hodges, a member of the original Board of Trustees for the Watauga County Library.

Also in attendance were two highly important members of the library staff: Mrs. Jo Anne Payne, circulating librarian, and Mrs. Mary Brown, bookmobile operator.

The extended quarters of the library take in the entire north end of the Court House Annex, making the library one-third larger than previously. Additional shelves and fluorescent lights have also been installed, and the entire library given a "face-lifting," involving varnishing of floors, rearrangement of books, and repainting of walls.

According to Homer F. Brown, the Watauga County Library has tripled its space facilities within the last ten years.

Brown further stated that the addition of 2,348 volumes during the past year gave the library a stock of 13,084 volumes as of June 30th. A circulation of 82,000 volumes from the library office and bookmobile during the same 12-month period makes Watauga one of the leading counties in the state in terms of library book circulation per capita.

Missing Tots, Gone 6 Hours, Went 5 Miles

Two small boys, missing since noon Tuesday, wandered to the home of Ronda Wheeler, about five miles from where they had disappeared, and were picked up shortly before 6 p.m. Tuesday by Watauga Rescue Squad officials, apparently none the worse for their experience.

The boys are Kilmer Miller, 5, and Kenneth Miller, 4, the son and grandson, respectively, of Allie Miller of Elk township. Miller had reported their absence from his residence at about 4 p.m., after his own four-hour search had proved futile.

The barefoot youths had been playing in the yard shortly before Miller discovered that they were missing, and apparently they had wandered some two or three miles before finding themselves lost. Neither of the boys required hospitalization or first aid, their main complaints at the time of their discovery being weariness and hunger.

2900 ASTC Students Hear Plemmons At Convocation

Over 2900 students attended fall convocation in the Health and Physical Education Building on the Appalachian State Teachers College campus.

Dr. W. H. Plemmons, ASTC president, was speaker for the convocation. He discussed the new building program with the students and declared that the inconvenience now would bring more convenience at a later date.

The college president said that some of the new buildings would include a cafeteria addition, new classroom building, two residence halls for women, home management house, nursery building, administration



Miss Jeanne Flynn Swanner poses with Miss America of 1963, Miss Jacquelyn Meyer



CARL TEAGUE

Carl Teague Dies Monday

Carl Spencer Teague, Superintendent of the Boone Water Department, died Monday morning at the Watauga Hospital, following a brief illness which was said to have been a heart ailment. He was 60 years old.

A native and life-long resident of Watauga County, he was a son of the late Landon and Mollie Mae Brinkley Teague and for more than thirty years had been superintendent of the City Water Department.

Funeral rites were conducted Tuesday at 2 o'clock at the First Baptist Church by Rev. C. O. Vance, assisted by Rev. E. F. Troutman and Rev. J. Boyce Brooks. Burial was in Mount Lawn Memorial Park.

Most of the stores and other business places of the community were closed during the hour of the funeral.

Surviving are the widow, Mrs. Mina J. Teague; two brothers, Lewis Hodges of Boone and Hensel Teague of High Point; two sisters, Mrs. Robert Swift and Mrs. Orris Hayes of Boone.

Miss North Carolina To Appear In Boone

Jeanne Flynn Swanner, Miss North Carolina, will be a special guest at the Miss Watauga County 1964 Beauty Pageant on October 19 sponsored by the Boone Junior Chamber of Commerce.

The 6 foot 2 inch beauty captivated audiences at the state pageant in Greensboro and at the Miss America pageant in Atlantic City where she was chosen "Miss Congeniality" by her fellow contestants.

The Boone Jaycees are pleased that she has been able to work into her busy schedule an appearance at the local pageant.

Contestants are now being interviewed for the local pageant. Any young lady interested in being a contestant should contact a member of the Boone Jaycees for more information. Miss Swanner is shown with Miss America after being crowned Miss North Carolina in Greensboro.

Democrats To Hold District Meet Sept. 28

The Ninth District Democrats will hold a rally at the Appalachian Elementary School Cafeteria Saturday, September 28, at 5 p. m. This will be a fundraising dinner meeting and representatives from eleven counties are expected to attend. The name of the speaker will be announced in the next issue of the Democrat. Tickets are available in each township.

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Robert, who suffered a fractured skull and jaw, was transferred to Baptist Hospital at Winston-Salem, where his condition was listed as not too serious. Mrs. Bentley was transferred to Watauga Hospital with multiple head and neck injuries resulting from the whiplash impact. Her condition is satisfactory, and her release from the hospital was imminent as the Democrat went to press.

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Two Boys Admit Slaying Of Aged Avery Co. Man

Elk Park, Sept. 17—Two boys picked up Friday for questioning, have confessed to killing a 72-year-old retired Army cook whose body was pulled from his burning home about noon that day, Avery County Sheriff J. C. Isaacs said Monday.

The body of Lee Roy Brewer, who lived alone about a mile north of here, was discovered by two men summoned when a neighbor, Mrs. Dorothy Oaks, saw smoke pouring from the house. Brewer had been shot five times, twice in the head, twice in the chest and once in the left arm, officers reported.

Isaacs said the boys, 12 and 15 years of age, were picked up at their homes in Elk Park and Banner Elk. They quickly confessed to the crime, he said, and told officers they had gone into Brewer's home to get something to eat.

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New Hospital, School Given Green Light

More than five thousand Watauga County voters trekked to the polls Tuesday to give emphatic approval to the proposal to issue \$2,130,000 in bonds for the construction of a consolidated high school, a new county hospital in the vicinity of Boone, and to provide a 10 cents tax for the operation of the hospital facility.

Unofficial returns indicate that the sentiment of the people was in lopsided support of the proposals, with 3,402 affirmative votes on the school issue to 2,188 negative.

The hospital bonds received an even heavier vote of acceptance with 3,788 for and 1,771 against.

On only the issue to provide a tax of ten cents per \$100 valuation for the support of the new hospital was there a relatively close vote, but it came through 2,831 to 2,421.

In Beaver Dam, Cove Creek and Blowing Rock, where high schools will be abandoned, there was strong opposition to the bonds. Beaver Dam and Cove Creek turned thumbs down on the proposals by substantial majorities, while Blowing Rock squeaked through for the school with nine votes, defeating the hospital issue by 32 votes.

The unofficial tally by townships follows:

BALD MOUNTAIN
For school 49, against 29; for hospital 69, against 16; for 10 cents tax levy 53, against 23.

BEAVER DAM
For school 62, against 217; for hospital 137, against 153; for 10 cents tax levy 65, against 201.

BLOWING ROCK
For school 228, against 219; for hospital 202, against 234; for 10 cents tax levy 138, against 270.

BLUE RIDGE
For school 79, against 90; for hospital 95, against 78; for 10 cents tax levy 47, against 109.

BOONE
For school 890, against 128; for hospital 915, against 69; for 10 cents tax levy 827, against 168.

BRUSHY FORK
For school 282, against 137; for hospital 302, against 134; for 10 cents tax levy 234, against 165.

COVE CREEK
For school 172, against 384; for hospital 235, against 315; for 10 cents tax levy 144, against 372.

ELK
For school 92, against 9; for hospital 91, against 10; for 10 cents tax levy 82, against 9.

LAUREL CREEK
For school 68, against 243; for hospital 143, against 175; for 10 cents tax levy 80, against 220.

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WHOPPING MAJORITIES

Bonds Approved By Landslide Margin



Source Of Fire

The remains of the TV set which caused all the damage to Lawrence Satterfield's apartment last Tuesday may be seen behind the couch, in the right-hand corner of this picture. Blocks of glass in the window were cracked by the heat.—Staff photo.

Defective TV Tube Said To Have Kindled Apartment Fire

Fire broke out in the basement at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Homer Brown, of 221 Orchard Street in Boone, shortly before 11 a. m. Tuesday, September 10, causing extensive damages. The fire was believed to have originated from a defective tube in a television set, according to Boone Fire Department Chief R. D. Hodges, Jr.

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Satterfield, occupants of the apartment, were not present when the fire broke out. Satterfield, a physical education and social studies major at Appalachian

State Teachers College, was in class at the time, and his wife was working in the business office of the college, where she is a secretary. Mr. and Mrs. Brown were out of town, so the house was empty.

The fire had reached a point of such intense heat before being discovered that thick block-type glass, located in a window behind the trouble-starting TV set, was cracked in several places. Fast work by firemen, however, prevented the blaze from spreading to other parts of the house.

First estimates of the financial damage caused by the fire were inconclusive. But it appeared as though furniture and personal possessions throughout most of the apartment were demolished, while smoke and water damage took a ruinous toll on most otherwise untouched objects.

Mrs. Stephen Caudill, occupant of a neighboring apartment, reported the fire after she had smelled smoke and rushed outside to see flames pouring out the windows on the ground floor of Brown's house.

WAS HE OPENING CAMPAIGN?

Lake Flays Big Government In Address To Boone Rotary

By CLARK COX
Dr. I. Beverly Lake, Raleigh attorney and unsuccessful candidate for the 1960 Democratic gubernatorial nomination, fired an opening-round shot in what may be his 1964 campaign on Thursday night when he advised a packed house of Boone Rotary Club members gathered at the Town House Restaurant of their responsibility of free expression of opinion to offset the threat of big government.

"Because you and men like you—business and professional

men all over North Carolina—have the ability to speak clearly and distinctly to the people of the community as we go on to meet the problems of the nation, it is distressing that similar men on various community committees are reluctant to express their opinions," Lake said.

"Moderation can mean any-

thing you want it to, but there is no place for it in civic organizations in this troubled age. Controversial matters should be among the chief points for discussion in our civic clubs."

Lake described himself as a diehard conservative. "I'm proud when people call me a conserv-

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Farm-City Meeting Plans Being Made

Thursday, November 14 has been selected as the date for Watauga County's annual Farm-City meeting, by agreement between the Boone Chamber of Commerce and the county agricultural agent's office. The get-together is to be held at 6:30 p. m. at the Cove Creek High School gymnasium.

The Farm-City meeting will include a banquet, mutual discussion of problems by farmers, businessmen, and professional people, official installation of 1964 officers for the Chamber of Commerce and the Watauga Merchants' Association, and other interesting program features. The meeting, a highlight of each year for both

rural and town dwellers, usually draws from 300 to 500 people.

The following list of committee chairmen for the event has been announced by county agent L. E. Tuckwiller:

Arrangements committee, Ralph Greene; program, L. E. Tuckwiller; ticket sales, Jennings B. Robinson; dinner committee, Carl Fidler and Mrs. Joyce Davis; cooking committee, R. G. Shipley; decoration, Mrs. Lillian Danner; hospitality, Mrs. Henry Taylor; publicity, Herman Wilcox.

Further information concerning committee plans and program festivities will be released as it becomes available.



DR. I. BEVERLY LAKE