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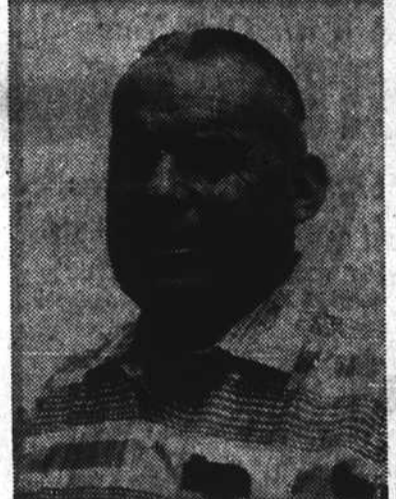
BOONE WEATHER						
1964	Hi	Lo	prec.	'63	Hi	Lo
July 14	75	54	.05		75	57
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Agriculture Commissioner Dies, Age 65

L. Y. (Stag) Ballentine, North Carolina agriculture commissioner, died in White Sulphur Springs, West Virginia, late Saturday, at the age of 65. He had suffered a heart attack several weeks ago.

Dr. James T. Baker, physician at the Greenbrier Hotel Clinic, said Mr. Ballentine had undergone treatment since June 9, when he suffered a heart attack while attending a convention of the National Plant Food Council. He had been making steady progress prior to the second attack.

Ballentine, a native of Varina, served during his career as lieutenant governor of North Carolina for four years, under Governor Gregg Cherry, as a state senator and as commissioner of



L. Y. (STAG) BALLENTINE agriculture. He was also a dairyman, farmer and businessman.

Governor Terry Sanford issued an order that all state flags be flown at half-mast in respect for the record of service that Mr. Ballentine compiled for North Carolina.

Mr. and Mrs. Ballentine are well known to people in Watauga County, having maintained a home near Deep Gap for some years.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, at 4 p. m. in the Fuquay - Varina First Baptist Church.

Survivors include his widow, Bessie B.; two daughters, Mrs. Rebecca Scoggins of Plymouth and Mrs. Carolyn B. Elliot of Raleigh; one son, L. Y. Ballentine, Jr., of Richmond, Va.; one step-son, Julius W. Phoenix, Jr., of Short Hills, N. J., and a sister, Miss Mabel Ballentine of Varina.

Queen Speaks To Jaycettes

The Presbyterian Student Center was the scene of the Boone Jaycettes' July meeting, at which Miss Watauga County of 1964 was an honored guest.

President, Mrs. Larry Klutz, introduced Miss Glenda Austin and her chaperone, Mrs. Frank Auton. They told the group of their experiences, July 7-11 in Raleigh, when Miss Austin represented Watauga in the North Carolina State Beauty Pageant.

After a business session, the Jaycettes planned a family picnic for August 8 at Camp Broadstone.

Dessert was served the 19 members by the co-hostesses, Mesdames Sarah Hasty, Pat Holshouser, Edith Morehead and La Donna Scruggs.

State Winners Are Named In "Horn" Essay Contest

Donald Holland of Raleigh, Patricia Jaynes of Waynesville and Patsy Jo Beatty of Gastonia have taken top honors in the statewide school essay contest conducted by the "Horn in the West" outdoor drama. Dr. Cratis Williams, graduate studies director of Appalachian State Teachers College, was chairman of the essay judging committee.

Holland, who last year attended Raleigh's Broughton High School, was winner in the senior high school division. His teacher was Mrs. Louise Pearson.

Miss Jaynes, last year a stu-



THIRTEEN MEMBERS OF THE DELEGATION of North Carolina Governmental officials who last fall made a "goodwill tour" of Europe and Russia had a reunion this month in Boone as the guests of Boone's Mayor Wade Brown and Mrs. Eunice Ayers of Winston-Salem and Mrs. J. C. Spencer of Lenoir. The group visited the "Horn in the West" and other tourist attractions in the mountains. Posing for this reunion picture: (l-r, front row) W. Lamont Brown, Moore County solicitor, Southern Pines; Alex McMahon, general counsel, North Carolina Association of County Commissioners, Chapel

Hill; Mrs. Ayers, Forsyth County Register of Deeds; Mayor Brown; Mrs. J. C. Spencer, Caldwell County accountant, Lenoir; Carl M. Smith, Orange County Commissioner, Chapel Hill; Stewart B. Warren, town attorney, Clinton; (top row, l-r) Seth B. Hollowell, former state senator, Goldsboro; Wilbur Clark, mayor of Fayetteville; Josh Horne, editor, Rocky Mount Telegram; William S. Ragsdale, Guilford County Commissioner, Jamestown; and Robert O. Helms, Union County Commissioner, Monroe. Not pictured is George L. Hundley, former mayor, Thomasville.

Ben Mast To Introduce Film Board Documentary

Auction Sale Hardin Lands Is Successful

S. C. Eggers & Co., local realtors, in their first land auction of the summer, sold a portion of the Henry J. Hardin farm on Howard's Creek for \$40,340 last Saturday in spirited bidding.

About 19 acres was divided into 181 lots and two small tracts, and was eagerly bought despite the downpour of rain.

Mr. Eggers sold the land for Howard and Orville Foster who had bought it from the heirs of the late Henry J. Hardin. He says the choice property (Continued on page two)

Retraction Issued

A news release from the Horn in the West Publicity Office, which appeared in the Democrat last week, inadvertently stated that officers of the Southern Appalachian Historical Association had been elected for 1964-65. The statement should have read that the officers had been elected for 1963-64.

Officers for the year 1964-65 are scheduled to be elected this October.

Miss N. C. Niece Of Boone Pastor

Miss North Carolina of 1965, Miss Sharon Finch of Thomasville, started her "claim to fame" at the age of three, when she did a song and dance routine as mascot for the High Point High School senior class of 1948.

Miss Finch, the 20-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harry B. Finch, is a graduate of the high school division of St. Mary's Junior College in Raleigh and is a rising junior at

"The Vanishing Frontier," an hour-long documentary film on problems of the changing Appalachians, will be premiered Tuesday at Appalachian State Teachers College.

Ben Mast, a native of Boone and assistant director of the North Carolina Film Board which produced the film, will introduce the motion picture. Bob Allen, ASTC, will preside.

The program starts at 8 p. m. in the Fine Arts Building.

The public is invited. There is no charge.

The intensive film study of North Carolina's mountain people presents native spokesmen, many of them Watauga and surrounding counties, who voice their own sharp views of problems peculiar to Appalachia. It is the most thoroughly documented film ever produced on the Appalachian region.

A joint venture of the North Carolina Film Board and WBTV-Charlotte, "The Vanishing Frontier" exemplifies film-television public affairs programming.

Tracing the melancholy history, the present stresses and strains, the poverty and promise of America's most neglected, most maligned, and yet most fiercely independent people, the cinema presents poignant evidence of the nation's (Continued on page 3, Sec. B)



SENATOR THURSTON B. MORTON of Kentucky, who has recently presided over the Republican National Convention in San Francisco, will be the principal speaker at the "Salute to Jim Broyhill" celebration at the Optimist Park in Lenoir on July 25. The dinner will honor Congressman Broyhill's work in Congress and help raise funds for his re-election campaign.

Sister Dies, Brother Hurt, Hospitalized

Mrs. L. L. Bingham attended the funeral of her sister, Mrs. Ed M. Greene in Peachland on Saturday, July 18.

Mrs. Bingham's brother, Mr. James T. Jones and Mrs. Jones of Marshville were seriously injured in an automobile wreck near their home less than two hours before the funeral. A car pulling a horse trailer pulled out from a side road into the path of the Jones car, according to the Highway Patrol.

Mr. Jones has two broken ribs, a fractured arm and internal injuries. Mrs. Jones received lacerations, a broken jaw and other injuries but showed improvement Sunday. Both are seriously injured, but Mr. Jones condition is reported to be most critical.

They are in a Charlotte hospital.

Watauga "Clean" On Burley Slate

The rate of penalty on excess burley tobacco for the 1964-65 marketing year has been announced by the United States Department of Agriculture.

The burley penalty rate is 44 cents per pound, based on the average marketing price for 1963-64. The average price per pound was 59c for the 1963-64 season.

There have been no farms remaining in excess and therefore no farmers paying penalty on excess tobacco in the past few years in Watauga County.

Town Meeting Called On Annexation Issue

Water Supply "Taxed"

BY RACHEL RIVERS
"We can't live like we lived one time. We've just voted to consolidate our high school; we've just voted a new hospital. I don't feel like we can afford not to see this thing done."

About 80 Wataugans applauded Clyde Greene's sentiment on the proposed annexation as a town discussion drew to a close on Tues., July 14 at the County Courthouse.

In opening the meeting, Wade E. Brown called attention to the present sewer facility, constructed in the 1930's for a population of 3,500. "The college has that number by now," he said.

"By reason of the growth of the town, the water supply is taxed to the limit. It is estimated that 8,000 people are now using the sewer system. We are employing all three pumps and drawing some water from the reservoir up at the water shed."

The Mayor introduced Richard H. Moore of Moore, Gardner and Associates, Inc., of Asheboro, who has been conducting a topographical survey of Boone and outlying areas, relating to population, adequacy of its sewer and water facilities and projected needs thereof.

Moore told the meeting that his firm has given the city council an 87-page report on the 15-month study and called population the first point of major concern in the three areas immediately being considered for annexation:

- AREA 1, Perkinsville: 1,500 acres north and east of Boone, an estimated 1,070 persons;
- AREA 2, Blowing Rock Rd.: 670 acres approximately south and east, an estimated 345 persons, 2 industries, several motels;
- AREA 3, Poplar Hill: more than 400 acres highly developed residential extension on Highway 105, east and south, 385 persons.

Two other areas, north and west, were deemed insufficiently developed for inclusion in the currently proposed annexation.

Orderly Growth
"We've done the best we could do," said Mayor Brown. "Almost immediately after we were elected, a study committee was appointed" Austin South, Rufe Greene, Earl Petrey, Tom (Continued on page two)

Arville Moore Killed In Ohio

Arville Grady Moore, 32, son of Mr. and Mrs. U. L. Moore of Sugar Grove, was killed in Cleveland, Ohio on July 3rd. Moore's body was found July 12th in a suburb of Cleveland with several bullet wounds. Officers in Cuyahoga county are investigating the death.

Moore had been working in Cleveland for the past five years and at the time of his death was managing the Allaton Parking Corporation. He attended the Watauga Consolidated School and graduated from high school in Gary, West Virginia. He was a member of the Mt. Olive Baptist Church at Sugar Grove. He spent two years in the U. S. Army.

Funeral services were conducted Friday, July 17th at 1 at The House of Wills Chapel in Cleveland with the Elder Horton in charge of the rites. Burial was in the Military Cemetery in Cleveland. (continued on page two)



BEGINNING HIS REPORT to the town meeting is Richard H. Moore (left) of Moore, Gardner and Associates, Inc., Asheboro. Mayor Wade Brown points out annexation area number one on a topographical map. (Rivers photo.)

1964 Directors Appointed By Watauga Citizens, Inc.

The annual meeting of Watauga Citizens, Inc., was held at 11:45 a. m. Thursday, July 16, at the Daniel Boone Inn.

The following were appointed to serve on the Board of Directors for the coming year: Howard P. Holshouser, Sr., Clyde R. Greene, W. R. Winkler, Stanley A. Harris, O. K. Rich-

ardson, I. B. Wilson, D. L. Wilcox Sr., Alfred T. Adams, James P. Marsh, Glenn Andrews, E. F. Coe, Robert Hardin and Kenneth Wilcox. The following officers were elected to serve for one year or until their successors are elected and qualified: Clyde R. Greene, president; W. R. Winkler, 1st vice president;

Robert Hardin, 2nd vice president; and Stanley A. Harris, secretary-treasurer.

J. E. Holshouser, attorney for the board, advised on legal points.

Ralph Winkler, chairman of the paving committee, reported progress that is being made in getting the parking lot at the Blue Ridge Shoe Factory paved. It is part of the contract with Melville Realty Co. that the Watauga Industry Committee pave the lot.

Also, it was requested that Attorney Holshouser contact Southern Bell Telephone Co. in an effort to get the telephone line which crosses the Blue Ridge Shoe Factory property removed.

Alfred Adams reported that \$39,225.75 in rental had been received to date.

Of this, \$11,000 had been applied on the bonds along with \$14,625 for interest. The balance of \$13,600.75 is being held to pay interest due on bonds November 1.

Adams also noted that any bond holder who had not presented his interest coupon for payment should do so as interest coupons do not pay interest.

X-Rays Available On King Street

A chest x-ray survey for Watauga County began on King Street in Boone at noon on July 18. The bus is located in front of the crest store.

This bus is made available by the State Board of Health at no local cost. Because Federal funds for the tuberculosis control program have been discontinued, services to communities have been cut. We may not be able to get this service next year.

This year, some units are idle because there is no money to pay a technician to operate them. The four counties of Alleghany, Ashe, Watauga and Avery have six days less than last year.

With the time allowed Watauga County, it is not possible to place a bus in Blowing Rock. Last year the unit in Boone ran close to capacity averaging 471 x-rays a day.

Starting Tuesday, July 21, the unit will be operating from 11 a. m. to 5 p. m., excluding Sundays and Mondays.

Local volunteers help route

Mental Health Office To Be Located Here

The Alleghany-Ashe-Avery-Watauga Mental Health Authority has set up a district office in Room 4, Watauga County Courthouse in Boone from which the four-county program of services will be coordinated.

Miss Annie Miller, secretary will be on duty and other staff personnel will be added soon. Dr. Mary B. H. Michal, Chairman-Director and Mrs. Nancy Wheeler, program coordinator invites the public to drop in to visit and to look over the new office.

people to the bus and the local tri-county tuberculosis association pays clerical bus help and postage costs, as well as assisting with publicity. Health Director Dr. Mary Michal expresses appreciation to the association and to Mrs. Ruth Draughn of West Jefferson, part-time executive secretary of the association.

Mrs. Herman Wilcox, president of the local TB association, urges everyone to use the x-ray service to "make Watauga County a safer, healthier and more prosperous place to live, work and play."

Fred Kirby Night Saturday At 'Horn'

It will be Fred Kirby Night, Saturday at "Horn in the West."

The popular television cowboy singer will receive the "Horn" salute in person and give a brief show of his own at 7:45 p. m. prior to the evening performance of the outdoor drama, now in its 13th season. The appearance will be an extra attraction.

Kirby has been playing the guitar and singing since he was a child, and professionally since he was 16.

Kirby's mother taught him to play the guitar and sing many of the old songs that he still loves to sing.

After traveling over most of the United States, and making one motion picture, Fred has settled in his greatest love—children. "They are the world's greatest people," he says.

"There's no greater satisfaction on earth than having the love and admiration of a



FRED KIRBY

child," adds the handsome television personality.

In addition to appearing on television each morning, Kirby, on weekend, plays the hero role of Marshal at Tweetsie Railroad between Boone and Blowing Rock.