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BOONE WEATHER						
1964	Hi	Lo	Pre.	'63	Hi	Lo
Dec. 22	42	25			37	9
Dec. 23	54	28			24	30
Dec. 24	62	34			26	18
Dec. 25	59	44	.89		58	29
Dec. 26	60	52	.26		45	28
Dec. 27	53	39	.24			
Dec. 28	54	31				

Parkway Middle Route Is Again Recommended

Raleigh — The N. C. Highway Commission last Tuesday reaffirmed action it took several months ago in recommending that the "missing link" of the Blue Ridge Parkway be built along a compromise middle route across Grandfather Mountain.

The commission did this as it adopted a resolution calling for the exchange of right-of-way land with Hugh Morton, the owner of Grandfather Mountain.

Under the proposal, the Highway Commission would turn over to Morton 250 acres of land it owns along the Yonahlossee Trail in exchange for 400 acres of land at a higher point of the mountain. The exchange must be approved by the Governor and Council of State.

Although the Highway Commission has recommended that the parkway link be built along the compromise middle route across Grandfather, the National Park Service—which will build the link — has not yet given its approval. The Park Service has been holding out for a route near the top of the mountain.

Tweetsie Will Appear On 1965 Pilot Calendar

Tweetsie Railroad near Boone has been selected as one of the twelve historic scenes to be portrayed on the 1965 calendars of Pilot Life Insurance Co. of Greensboro, and the calendars are currently being distributed, a company spokesman stated today.

The rendering of the scene is a reproduction of a drawing made by a well-known Virginia artist, it was stated.

A Pilot spokesman said that the local attraction was selected "because of its outstanding historic value to the people of this area and its appeal to persons throughout the South."

The calendar is being distributed to approximately 150,000 firms, industries and individuals throughout North and South Carolina, Virginia and Georgia.

Enrollment At ASTC Reaches Record High

Enrollment at Appalachian State Teachers College for the Winter Quarter is 3,117, according to an announcement by Dr. Ben Strickland, college registrar.

The total student enrollment includes 2,848 undergraduate, 170 graduate and 99 registered for Saturday classes.

The deadline for dropping a course (Winter Quarter) with-

Business Good In Old Year

A hurried survey of Boone merchants the first of the week indicated that retail sales in the community in 1964 exceeded the expectations of most business men.

According to pre-inventory opinions sales in 1964 have reached an all-time high, with more people making cash purchases and fewer buying on credit than in former years. Some credited the Federal tax reduction in withholding to part of the accelerated trade.

Among those interviewed were:

Mr. Vaughn Roten, of Burgess Furniture Co., who says, "I am happy to say that sales this year are definitely above those of 1963."

Mr. Cecil Greene of Farmer's Hardware and Supply Co., Inc.: "our sales are up 25 to 30% over those in 1963."

Mr. W. W. Chester of Belk's Dept. Store states "our business is much improved over last year."

Hunt's Dept. Store, "our sales have definitely been better than the preceding year."

Finance Groups Approve Merger

Charlotte. — Stockholders of American Discount Co. and Home Finance Group, Inc., in separate meetings December 21 approved a merger of the two companies.

The plan to merge the two financial giants was announced several months ago. Following last week's meetings, a statement said the actual merger is expected to become effective at the close of business Dec. 31.

American Credit Corp., the new company, will begin operations the first business day of the new year.

The combined firm will have total assets of approximately \$231.2 million.

out indicating whether the student is passing or failing is Tuesday, Jan. 15.

Pre-registration for the Spring Quarter will begin with students picking up packets on Feb. 12. Students may pick up course cards from various departments Feb. 15-18 and complete registration by paying of fees Feb. 19 or Feb. 22-24.



DIRECTOR OF NURSES, Mrs. Sue Simmons (left), receives a check for \$153.67 from Miss Donna Jean Finley on behalf of the Boone Junior Chamber of Commerce. Miss Watauga said the contribution came from a public service fund raised by the Jaycees and was used to buy a suction machine being put into use at Watauga County Hospital. (Rivers photo.)

Miss Rhododendron Goes To Rose Bowl Parade, Hawaii

Miss Judith Lackey Bryant, North Carolina's Rhododendron Queen, accompanied by her mother, Mrs. Helena Bryant of Spray, left Douglas Airport in Charlotte Tuesday for Los Angeles. Judith will be met there by officials of the Tournament of Roses Parade which will be held in Pasadena on New Year's Day.

The Rhododendron Queen will ride on the Bakery and Confectionery Float in the parade, which is the world's most famous midwinter festival of flowers. The Tournament of Roses is now in its 75th year. Only fresh flowers and greenery in their natural state are allowed in the decorations of the floats. This is a particularly fitting parade for Judith, since the Rhododendron Queen is the recognized queen of the south. She and her mother will be special guests at the Rose Bowl football game later the same day.

Beside luncheons and sight-seeing, Judith and her mother have been invited to visit Disneyland and she and her party will be guests at the Lawrence Welk TV show Saturday night, Jan. 2, before taking off for Honolulu, Hawaii by Pan American Jet Sunday morning, Jan. 3.

The traditional Hawaiian welcome will be waiting for Queen Judith when her plane lands, according to Danil B. Wong,

chairman of the Aloha Committee and a member of the Honolulu Lions Club. Judith will spend about two weeks on the island where she will open her round of personal appearances by speaking to the greater Honolulu Lions Club at noon on Jan. 5. She will speak to many

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MISS JUDITH BYRANT

Farm Census Required Property To Be Listed For Taxes In January

List Takers For Watauga Are Appointed

The list takers for Watauga County have been appointed, and in releasing their names and listing schedules, Ralph G. Greene, Tax Supervisor, calls attention to the law requiring all property owners and taxpayers to list the property owned as of January 1, 1965.

This includes all real and personal property, and all male persons between the ages of 21 and 50 are also to list for poll taxes during the month.

Farm Census

Each owner of farm land shall prepare a list of the acreage of each crop grown, including tenths of acres of truck. The list should show acres cultivated by owner and by tenants, on each farm, the acres in improved pasture, woodland, idle and other lands. He shall be prepared to report the number of bearing fruit trees, the number of livestock of breeding age, number of hogs sold or slaughtered during past 12 months and number of chickens. This information, says Mr. Greene, is kept confidential, and has no relation to taxes. Its purpose is for agricultural education, economic analysis and safer guidance of county agents and farmers generally, it was said.

The List Takers

Following are the names of all the list takers by townships. Their listing schedules appears in the advertising columns of the Democrat today:

- Bald Mountain: Mrs. Leslie Norris.
- Beaver Dam: Ray Stout.
- Blowing Rock: Mrs. Clyde Dula.
- Blue Ridge: Elmer Miller.
- Brushy Fork: J. A. Mullins.
- Cove Creek: Mrs. Bulis Greer.
- Elk: Mrs. Ralph Hayes.
- Laurel Creek: Sidney Harmon.
- Meat Camp: Edd Jones.
- New River: H. E. Brookshire.
- North Fork: Lloyd Miller.
- Shawneehaw: Henry Michael.
- Stony Fork: J. C. Greene.
- Watauga: Claude Garland.
- Boone: Court House, tax office January 4, through February 4.

Rites Are Held Monday For Mrs. Patsy T. Swift

Mrs. Patsy Teams Swift, 35, of Sugar Grove, wife of Russell Dean Swift, Jr., died Saturday at Watauga Hospital after an illness of five months.

She was born in Watauga County to Goss Martin Teams and Martha Storie Teams and spent her life here.

Mrs. Swift was a bookkeeper for Farmers Hardware and Supply Co. for 12 years.

Surviving besides her husband are five brothers, Mr. Sgt. Ronda Teams of the U. S. Air Force at Bangor, Me.; Maj. Ray Teams of the Air Force at Sumter, S. C.; Earl Teams of Cleveland, Ohio; Jay Teams of Boone and Bobby Teams of Ft. Worth, Texas; and two sisters, Mrs. Eva Nell Miller of Vilas and Mrs. Dollie Dotson of Concord.

The funeral was conducted at 2 p.m. Monday at Willowdale Baptist Church by the Rev. L. A. Talbert. Burial was in Cove Creek Cemetery.

The family asks that memorials planned be given to the building fund of Cove Creek Baptist Church.



SHIRT SLEEVE WEATHER PREVAILED heads in the sun and their feet on dry the day before Christmas as trees kept their ground. (Rivers photo.)

Major Provisions Of Feed, Grain Program Announced

The United States Department of Agriculture has announced major provisions of the voluntary 1965 Feed Grain Program, according to Roy W. Isley, ASCS Office Manager.

Price support levels for co-operators will be the same as for 1964. The diversion payment rate remains unchanged from 1964.

Department officials said 1965 program designed to maintain participators incomes at least as high as current levels. They also stressed that program will help maintain overall feed grain income for producers at near current levels, or about a billion dollars a year higher than with previous feed grain programs.

Changes within total price support rate were made to encourage greater participation in the program by farmers. De-

partment officials noted success of the program depends on the level of participation sufficiently high to offset the program costs by reduction in public investment in government feed grain inventories.

Total national average price support for co-operators for 1965 crop corn will be \$1.25 per bushel—composed of loan and purchase value of \$1.05 per bushel and 20 cents per bushel support payment based on normal (1959-64) production of acreage planted for harvest.

Program participants, since (Continued on page two)

Burley Sales Will Resume On January 11

Mt. Sterling, Ky.—The Burley Sales Committee has announced that burley sales in the eight state marketing area will resume Monday, January 11 instead of Monday, January 4. This one week's delay was endorsed in a telephone conference of the Committee held Monday night. The action was prompted by the request of a major buying company in a letter to the Committee asking for an extra week to reduce their volume of unprocessed tobacco to an acceptable level. It was reported to the Committee that two other buying companies approved the postponement. Mr. W. L. Staton, Executive Secretary of the Burley Tobacco Growers Cooperative Association, which handles pool tobacco, and a member of the Committee, voted for the delay, saying that it would take the extra week to put their dryers in good shape.

Holshouser May Be Next G. O. P. Leader

Rep. James E. Holshouser, Jr., of Watauga County is expected to be named by his Republican colleagues as House minority leader of the 1965 legislative session, according to David Cooper, Raleigh bureau correspondent for the Winston-Salem Journal.

Cooper says that incoming Republican House members are thought to be agreed on Holshouser for the party leadership post, particularly after a meeting held during the past week at Winston-Salem.

Rep. Thomas Bennett of Carteret County and Holshouser had been mentioned for the job, but Bennett has informed Holshouser he thinks it ought to go to the Watauga representative.

Republican members of the 1965 assembly gathered at the Twin City Club in Winston-Salem to discuss the upcoming session. The minority leader's post was one of the topics, and reports coming from the meeting indicate Holshouser will get the job without opposition.

Holshouser, now 30, was the youngest member of the House in 1963. He overcame the age barrier, and his party affiliation, to win the respect of many Democratic legislators. The minority leader's job was filled in 1963 by Rep. William Osteen of Guilford County.

Boone C. Of C. Moves Offices

The Boone Chamber of Commerce headquarters will move this week to a new location on East King Street diagonally across the street from Grace Lutheran Church at the junction of Hwys. 421 and 321.

Automobile and truck license plates will go on sale at the new Chamber of Commerce headquarters Monday, Jan. 4, 1965.

Visit Mrs. R. K. Bingham Mr. and Mrs. Richard Bingham and children of Chicago, Ill., Mrs. Miriam Smith and son, Carl, of Mooresville, N. C., and Mr. and Mrs. John Bingham and John, Jr., of Hickory were visitors during the Christmas holidays with Mrs. R. K. Bingham on Pine Street.

Babson Says No War With Russia In '65; Peace And Prosperity Wanted In USSR

BY ROGER W. BABSON

Promising the people of the United States "peace and prosperity," President Johnson was carried to victory last November by an overwhelming landslide. By nature he is more likely to compromise than to contest. Also, he is deeply sincere in his desire to accelerate the economic growth of this country and to wipe out poverty.

But we must not forget that both Woodrow Wilson and Franklin Roosevelt promised to keep America out of "foreign" wars. And already the British financial crisis has forced the Federal Reserve to raise its discount rate to 4%—despite President Johnson's dislike of higher money rates. Therefore, as we

look forward to 1965 from our more than 60 years of experience in forecasting and analysis, we emphasize once again that the great rolling tides of economic fundamentals and social currents are likely to have a greater impact on what is to unfold than will the campaign promises of successful candidates.

1. There will be no war with Russia during 1965. The Russian people want some of the "peace and prosperity" that President Johnson promised our citizens.

2. Watch Russia's satellites in 1965. They will try to make a deal with the new Moscow Administration which will involve more trade and prosperity and less politics. Following Khrush-

chev's fall, the satellites will aim for more consumer goods for their people rather than for more personal freedom.

3. Russia will not bring the Berlin issue to a crisis in 1965. The tendency will be to soft-pedal talk about Berlin until Red China's course of action becomes clearer.

4. Red China made the biggest news in 1964 by exploding a nuclear bomb. In 1965, Communist China's greatest effort will be to gain admission to the United Nations. World leaders cannot ignore this awakening giant with its 700,000,000 people. We believe there is a 50-50 chance that the Red Dragon will get into the UN in 1965.

5. However, Communist China

will not risk all-out war in the year ahead. She has neither a sufficient stockpile of nuclear bombs nor adequate means of delivering them in quantity. Red China's biggest use of her new-found nuclear power will be to "blackmail" the West.

6. Regardless of what happens in the next few months, we look for President Johnson to compromise on the situation in South Vietnam sometime during 1965 and move toward "neutralization."

7. Conditions in Cuba are not likely to change radically in 1965. The Russians will do nothing to handicap Castro; neither will they do much to help him. Thus Castro will be unable to deliver the economic

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