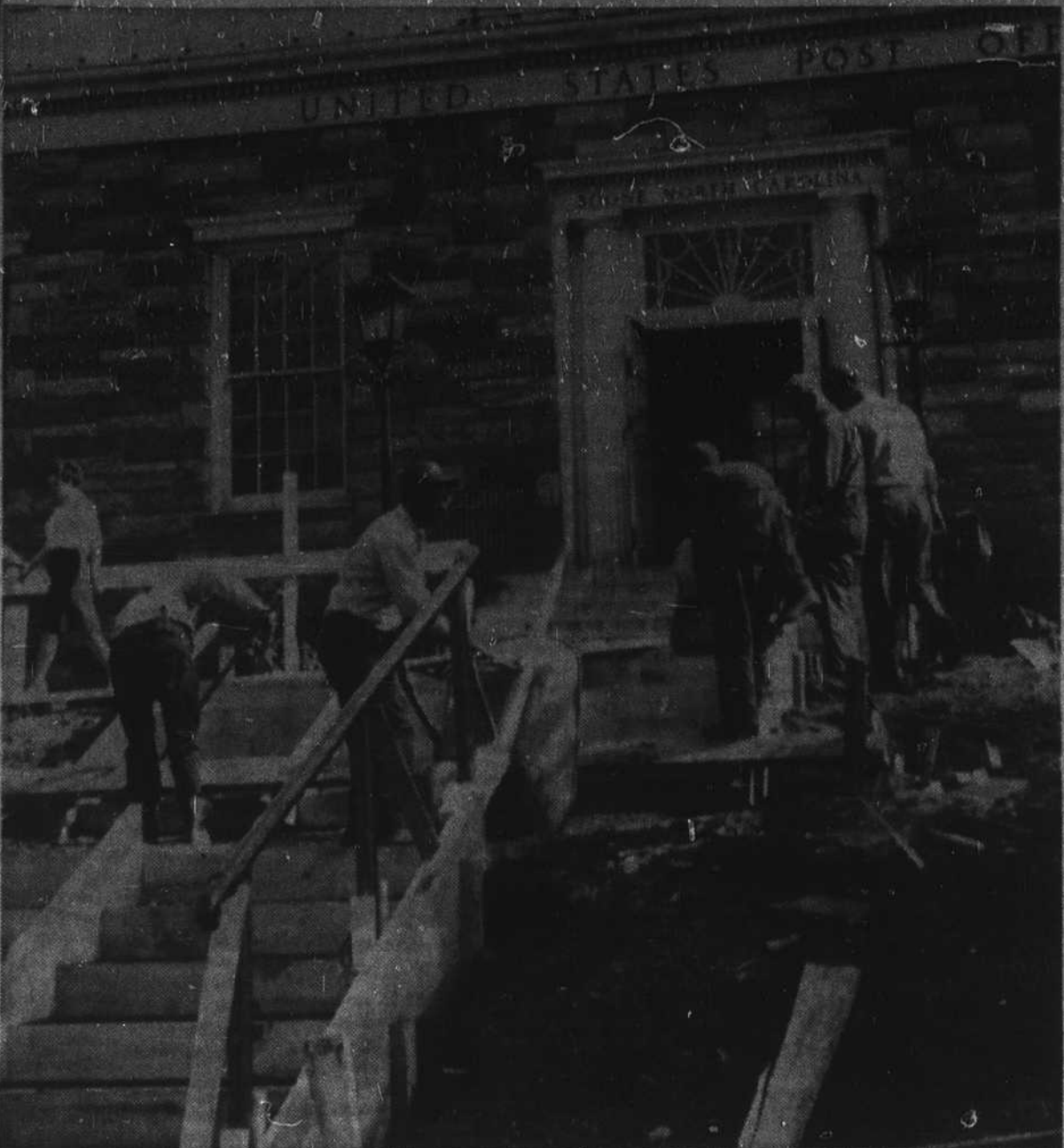


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April 10	70	40	65
April 11	69	51	45
April 12	67	42	76
April 13	67	50	85
April 14	69	54	57



Spring clean up-fix up at the Boone Post Office is underway with the replacement of the front steps, repairs to the walk and curbing. The old steps, which had become worn and hazardous, are being replaced and re-

paired by workmen of Greene Construction Company under contract with the General Services Administration, according to Postmaster Ralph Beshears. (Rivers photo)

Community Easter Sunrise Service Starts At 6 Sunday

The Community Easter Sunrise Service will begin as usual this year, at 6 a. m. on April 18 in Conrad Stadium.

The Appalachian High School Brass Choir, directed by James Shugert, and the Community Choir, directed by Dr. William Spencer, will render music for the service.

The Rev. E. S. Morgan will conduct the call to worship and prayer. Scripture reading will be by Herman W. Wilcox and the responsive reading by the Rev. Garland Smith. Hank Greer of the First Baptist Church will bring an "Easter Meditation".

The Watauga County Ministerial Association will sponsor the service.

Good Friday Services Set

A number of young people will take part in the First Baptist Church's community Good Friday Service at 7:30 p. m. on April 16.

The seven last words of Christ will be given by Russell Robinson of the Boone Methodist Church, Judi Giles of St. Luke's Episcopal Church, Richard Greer of Greenway Baptist Church, David Rigsby of Boone Presbyterian Church, John Coe of the First Baptist Church, David Lewis of the Advent Christian Church and Allan Moretz and Wade Coffey Jr. of Grace Lutheran Church.

Presiding will be Hank Greer, president of the Watauga County Ministerial Association which will sponsor the service.

The youth choirs of the Perkinsville Baptist Church and the Mennonite Brethren Church will present anthems. Sara Hagaman of the First Baptist Church will play the prelude and postlude on the organ.

Mrs. Julia Caldwell of the Three Forks Baptist Church will give the call to worship. Hal Anderson of the Oak Grove Baptist Church will lead the congregation in prayer.

Board Of Red Cross To Meet

The Board of Directors meeting of Watauga County Chapter American Red Cross will be held at the Daniel Boone Inn Friday, April 16 at 12 noon. Business is appointing nominating committee for election of officers for ensuing year. All members and board of directors are urged to attend.

Contract Let For Winn-Dixie Building

When disaster strikes, man in his will to remain unfallen by misfortune, begins immediately to replace and rebuild those things that have been left devastated. This is evidence in the case of the destruction by fire of the Winn-Dixie store here a few days ago.

Already plans have been completed for the construction of a new building to service Winn-Dixie store facilities in Boone, and according to Mr. Leon Baldwin of Winn-Dixie and Mr. Charles Blackburn, owner, plans are now for opening the new facilities the first of July or as soon thereafter as possible.

Removal of debris is expected to begin this week with the construction beginning on a new building at the same location immediately.

Contracts for building the

new structure have been let to Fiske-Carter Construction Company of Greenville, South Carolina. The new building will be an enlargement over the previous building and will contain a total of 14,400 square feet of floor space.

Arrangements have been made to utilize the area now occupied by Kirk's Restaurant for additional parking area for the store, but the restaurant is being allowed to remain in operation during the summer season. After completion of the parking area accommodations for parking will be available for one hundred cars.

It was thought at the outset that temporary facilities would be set up to serve Winn-Dixie customers, but this idea has all but been abandoned, as no suitable building has been located for this purpose, accord-

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Workmen clean up ruins left when the Boone Winn-Dixie Store was completely destroyed by fire. — Rivers photo.

Graham Child Is Drowned

Graveside services were held at 2 p. m. Friday for little Kara Lynn Graham, age 2, who drowned about 11 a. m. Thursday in a pond near her home.

She was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ray L. Graham of Route 4, Boone. Mrs. Graham found the body in a shallow farm pond after searching the area for some time.

Mr. Graham is a teacher of mathematics at Appalachian State Teachers College.

Coroner Richard Kelley said the drowning was accidental. Surviving, besides the parents, are two brothers, of the home, Kelly Logan and Kyle Layne. The grandparents of the child are Dr. and Mrs. George Graham of Abilene, Texas, and Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Smith of Cascade, Colo.

The Rev. Boyce Brooks officiated at Mount Lawn Memorial Park here.

School Board Is Sworn In

An organizational meeting of the Watauga County Board of Education was called for 8:30 a. m. Wednesday at the Board of Education Building for the purpose of appointing officers to serve on the school board for the next two years.

This meeting follows the final passage of the Watauga County Board of Education bill which decreased the membership on the board from five members to three. Officers will be chosen from Dr. Charles Davant, H. W. Mast, Jr. and A. E. South. The Superintendent of Schools will also be elected at this meeting.

Moose Lodge Plans Easter Egg Hunt 18th

The Boone Moose Lodge will hold its annual Easter egg hunt for the children of Watauga County on Easter Sunday, April 18, at 2 p. m. at the Moose Lodge property on Deerfield Road. All Moose members and their families as well as all mothers, fathers and children of Watauga County are urged to attend.

Refreshments will be served for all. Prizes will be given to the children recovering the most eggs and those discovering special eggs.



Members of Boy Scout Troop 109 lined up last week for an Honor Court, in which they received merit badges and class ranks. Dr. Lee Reynolds, presiding over the court, made honors to these boys (l-r): Paul Miller, Perry Fidler, Richard Vance, David Richard-

son, Clay Owen, Hoyle Davis Jr., Buzzy Hagaman and Arthur Flowers. Thirty-one other members of the troop attended the meeting at the Boone Methodist Church. Also participating were Troop 131 of Boone and Troop 111 of Blowing Rock. (Flowers photo)

Watauga To Get \$318,400 Under Federal School Law

North Carolina would receive about \$54.7 million under the Elementary and Secondary Education Act passed by Congress, state school officials said Friday.

Watauga County would get \$318,400 of the money provided in the Act, which has been ratified by the signature of President Johnson.

"This offers a great opportunity and responsibility for us," Dr. Charles F. Carroll, state superintendent of public instruction, told a gathering of local school officials in Raleigh. "Call on all the imagination

you can command to help the disadvantaged children," Carroll said.

The federal act would set aside \$1.06 billion for the disadvantaged children, those in families with incomes below \$2,000 a year. He said 24 per cent of North Carolina's children fall into this category.

The state has the largest number of disadvantaged children of any state except Texas.

North Carolina would get \$48,556,000 to help the disadvantaged child and \$2.4 million for school library resources. (Continued on page three)

Officers Are Named Horn In West Assn.

Herman W. Wilcox, manager, announces the election of officers and directors of the Southern Appalachian Historical Association, which sponsors the "Horn in the West," has been held.

Dr. I. G. Greer of Chapel Hill is again president of SAHA. Executive vice president is Dr. R. H. Harmon; Mrs. B. W. Stallings, association membership chairman; Lynn Holaday, treasurer; and Mrs. Earleen G. Pritchett, secretary, all of Boone.

The 1965 directors are Bob Allen, Glenn R. Andrews, J. V. Caudill, Mrs. Paul Coffey, the Rev. Richard Crowder, Sam Dixon, H. R. Eggers, Grady Farthing, Clyde R. Greene.

Stanley A. Harris, Lynn Holaday, J. E. Holshouser Jr., Dr. Ray Lawrence, Hugh Morton of Wilmington; Dr. W. H. Plemons, Mrs. Earleen G. Pritchett, Miss Rachel Rivers, Dr. O. K. Richardson, Grover Robbins Jr. of Blowing Rock; Miss Jane Smith, Mrs. B. W. Stallings, Herman W. Wilcox, Mrs. Carrie Winkler, Ralph Winkler, Dr. I. G. Greer of Chapel Hill; Dr. R. H. Harman and Wade E. Brown.

This summer will be the 14th season that the outdoor drama has been sponsored by SAHA, which is dedicated to preserving the region's heritage. This year's playdates are June 25-Aug. 28 nightly, except Monday.

Julius Miller Taken By Death

Julius Lavander Miller, 87, a retired farmer of Todd, died Saturday night at his home after a long illness.

He was born in Watauga County to Lee Martin and Anette Greene Miller.

Surviving are his widow, Mrs. Laura Tatum Miller; three sons, George and J. B. Miller of Todd and Cecil Miller of Boone; five daughters, Mrs. Hazel Stanbury, Mrs. James Miller and Mrs. Charles Risk of Todd and Mrs. Thomas Jackson and Mrs. Estel Wagner of Boone; four brothers, Clay, Otto and A. G. Miller of Deep Gap and Clint Miller of Purlear; a sister, Mrs. Howard Steelman of Deep Gap; 18 grandchildren; and 13 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted at 2 p. m. Monday at South Fork Baptist Church at Todd. Officiating were the Rev. Raymond Hendrix, the Rev. Ed Blackburn, and the Rev. Kenneth Eller.

Burial was in Howell Cemetery.

Ray Hayes Services Held

Ray Donald Hayes, 46, of Vilas died Tuesday at his home of a gunshot wound in the head. Watauga County Coroner Richard E. Kelley ruled the death a suicide.

Hayes was born in Watauga County to Stuart B. and Esther Coffey Hayes. He was a farmer.

Surviving are his widow, Mrs. Clara Hayes; his father; a son, Roy Hayes of Cherryville; two daughters, Mrs. Paul Fox of Vilas and Miss Carol Hayes of the home; two brothers, Carl and Edward Hayes of Boone; and eight sisters, Mrs. Arlie Hodges of Valle Crucis, Mrs. Bynum Anderson and Mrs. Arvil Greer of Vilas, Mrs. Ralph Hodges, Mrs. Odell Teague and Mrs. Clyde Townsend of Boone, Mrs. Ernest Shores of Blowing Rock. (Continued on page three)

To Annex 3 Areas Of City

BY RACHEL RIVERS

Registered voters will go to the polls on May 22 to vote on a \$1,800,000 water and sewer bond issue for Boone.

The ballot will present a town ordinance authorizing \$690,000 for a water system—including new mains and a new million and a half gallon reservoir tank in town—and an ordinance authorizing \$1,110,000 for expansion of sewer facilities.

Mayor Wade E. Brown said that passage of the bonds "would prove to the people outside the corporate limits that the town is in a financial position to furnish them these services."

He said it cannot at this time be determined how the tax rate would be altered.

Registration books will be open from Friday, April 30, to Friday, May 7. Saturday registration will be from 9 a. m. to 9 p. m., and from 9 a. m. to 5 p. m. other days.

On May 22, townspeople may vote between 6:30 a. m. and 6:30 p. m. at the City Hall.

The Mayor said the Town Aldermen have made application to the local government commission in Raleigh for approval to vote the bonds. Tentative approval has been sent, he said, with a promise of formal approval as soon as the papers are adjusted.

If the bond issue passes, a new reservoir will be built up at the present water shed. It will be an entirely new facility, with a micro-filter to strain out all foreign matter. A public meeting at the Courthouse last summer revealed that residents of Poplar Hill have found leaves in their water. Representatives of that development strongly opposed the existing system.

"Filters have not been required in controlled watersheds such as ours," Brown stated. He defined a controlled shed as one where all land that drains into it is owned by the town or (continued on page three)

Ellis Coffey Funeral Held

Ellis E. Coffey, 69, a retired post office employe of Boone, died Wednesday at Blowing Rock Hospital.

Mr. Coffey was born in Caldwell County to Henry K. and Sarah Gragg Coffey.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Hettie Coffey; four sons, Arthur H. Coffey of Alaska, Herman Coffey of Boone, Rt. 2, John Coffey of Lenoir and Dan Coffey of Charlotte; three daughters, Mrs. Boyd Williams and Mrs. Quentin Wheeler of Boone and Mrs. Dale Lowder of Charlotte; a stepson, Sgt. C. M. Harrison with the U. S. Army; a stepdaughter, Mrs. Hugh Williams of Charlotte; a brother, C. R. Coffey of Kingport, Tenn.; and three sisters, Mrs. Kattie Robbins of Lenoir, Mrs. Henry Sherley of Blountville, Tenn., and Mrs. Burdie Stanbury of (Continued on page three)

Staple Collins Is Killed In West Virginia Crash

William Staple Collins, 49, of Blowing Rock Road, Boone was killed in a head-on collision on the West Virginia Turnpike near Charleston, West Virginia April 9.

Mr. Collins was en route to Boone from Detroit towing an unoccupied car when the accident occurred. The driver of the other car, James E. Street, 19, of St. Marys, Georgia received minor injuries and was

taken to the Charleston hospital.

Mr. Collins was born in Watauga County to William Washington and Sally Coffey Collins. He had operated the Collins Used Car Lot in Boone for some years.

Surviving are his widow, Mrs. Edna Moody Collins; a son, Bill Collins, Jr. of Boone; a daughter, Mrs. Sharon Hollars of

Boone; two sisters, Miss Desie Collins of Blowing Rock and Mrs. Norma Hodges of Morganton; a brother Spencer Collins of Newland; and four grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted at 2 p. m. Monday at the Advent Christian Church with the Rev. Floyd Boston officiating. Burial was in Mountlawn Memorial Park.

Stores Will Close Monday

The following department stores will be closed Easter Monday, April 19: Bell's Department Store, Newton's Department Store, Church's, Crest Store, Hunt's Department Store, Cupboard Casuals, Varsity Men's Wear, Newton's Fashion Shop, Bill's Shoe Store and De Lee's.