

BOONE WEATHER					
Year	Hi	Lo	Snow	Pres.	W. H. I.
May 17	73	54			69 57
May 18	68	56			70 60
May 19	70	58	.14		72 55
May 20	75	54	.12		74 53
May 21	76	49			69 58
May 22	74	59	.07		72 57
May 23	70	55			74 54

Snow Given To Nearest Half Inch

Long Controversy Settled

Grandfather Mountain Parkway Link To Be Built

Governor Acts To Get Action On Scenic Road

Governor Dan K. Moore and Secretary of the Interior Stewart L. Udall announced agreement Friday on a route to complete the missing link of the Blue Ridge Parkway across Grandfather Mountain.

Agreement on the so-called "middle route" means the parkway will be completed in its entire 400-mile length from the Shenandoah National Park in Virginia to the Great Smoky Mountains National Park in North Carolina and Tennessee.

The agreement breaks years of stalemate over the route between private property owners on the mountain, the National Park Service and the N. C. Highway Commission. The parkway was completed to one end of the six-mile missing link in 1940, and to the other end five years ago.

Moore's announcement said the route will utilize existing state-owned lands and be supplemented by acreage necessary to avoid excessive scars and to maintain the standards and scenic quality of the completed portions of the parkway.

"This section will connect with the existing parkway in Julian Price Memorial Park on the north and Beacon Heights on the south where it will overpass and connect with U. S. 221.

"Construction of the six-mile link will be programed by the National Park Service as soon as land acquisition is completed by the state and construction plans can be prepared by the Bureau of Public Roads," the announcement said.

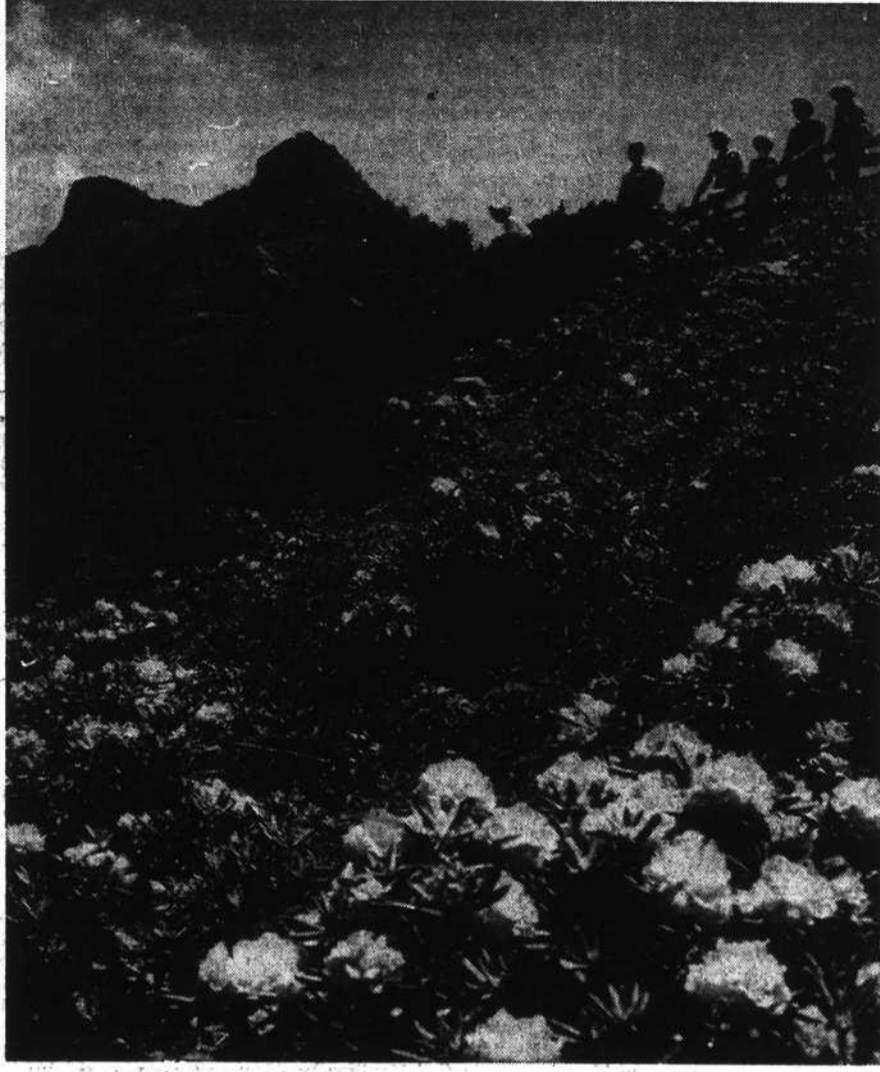
Hugh Morton, who owns most of Grandfather Mountain, said he was glad to have the old controversy settled and "I congratulate Governor Moore in reaching this agreement."

Morton said the selected route is "basically the middle route with modifications." He said the route will run a few hundred feet uphill from existing U. S. 221 on the east side of the mountain.

Its elevation will be from 4,200 to 4,400 feet. Morton said the link will be the highest point on the parkway north of Mt. Mitchell. He also said it will be one of the most scenic portions.

The National Park Service had long favored a "high route" over the summit of the mountain which would conflict with private property interests. The original proposal for the middle route was worked out by A. H. Graham, chairman of the N. C. Highway Commission in 1955.

This route was approved by the Bureau of Public Roads and the Highway Commission, but not by the Park Service. During the Sanford administration, the state acquired the land for the middle route by swapping rights the state had held to a lower route.



RHODODENDRON ENHANCES GRANDFATHER BEAUTY

Voters Will Nominate Candidates Saturday

Sample Primary Ballots Are Shown on Page 1, Section B.

Voters of Watauga county will go to the polls Saturday to nominate candidates for county office to climax a campaign which is beginning to develop a reasonable degree of interest.

All county offices are to be filled with the exception of Register of Deeds.

Co. Candidate Withdraws From Primary Race

Howard M. Edmisten, Democratic candidate for the Watauga Board of County Commissioners, gives notice that he discovered last week a conflict which would bar him from serving the County, if elected. Therefore he has withdrawn from the primary race.

Edmisten states that he regrets the necessity of dropping out of the race, but that according to the General Statutes of North Carolina, in part: No payment of any public welfare or public assistance funds derived from any source—Federal, state or local—shall be made for the care of any person in (Continued on page two)

ister of Deeds. In that case the incumbent holds over for another two years.

Of interest is the fact that for the first time in its history Watauga County has no candidate for the General Assembly, but is grouped with Avery and Mitchell in one district. Mack S. Isaacs of Newland and George M. Harmon, also of Avery county, have filed as Republican candidates. There are no Democrat candidates.

In the State Senate race, Watauga is in the district with Wilkes and Yadkin. T. R. Bryan, Sr., of North Wilkesboro and Senator F. D. B. Harding of Yadkinville are the Republican candidates. No Democrat filed.

On the State ticket Democratic Senator Everett Jordan

Zionville Man Dies In Accident

Thomas Edward Holden, 58, Zionville, died late Monday afternoon in an industrial accident in Charlotte.

The construction company worker was crushed to death about 5:20 p. m. when he fell under the wheels of a truck at a Seaboard Airline Rail-

road construction site in the Hoskins section of Mecklenburg County.

Mecklenburg County Police said Holden apparently ran behind a truck loaded with asphalt that was backing up to an asphalt spreader.

Other workers yelled in an attempt to stop the truck, but the driver had not seen Holden and had already backed over him. The driver of the truck was Ralph Carlton Woodie of Salisbury.

Surviving are the father, James Holden; the widow, Mable Holden; a daughter, Mrs. Ted Thomas of Zionville; a sister, Mrs. Rosa Miller of New Albany, Ind.; four brothers, Stanley Holden of Louisville, Ky., Arthur Holden of Mountain City, Tenn.; Clyde Holden of Gap Creek, Tenn.; and Walter Holden of Butler, Tenn.

Funeral services were conducted at 2 p. m. Wednesday at Mable Baptist Church. Officiating were the Rev. R. C. Eggers and the Rev. Charles Young.

National Democratic Figure To Speak At Bingham Dinner

A former Miss North Carolina and the Director of Congressional Affairs for the Democratic National Committee will be on hand for a Democratic dinner-rally at 7:30 p. m. Thursday, May 26, at Watauga High School.

Miss Melton, instructor of piano and theory U. N. C.—Chapel Hill, and Miss North Carolina in 1957, will entertain with a program of folk music, accompanied by folk-guitarist Barry Winston, Phillip Kelley

of Boone will lead the National Anthem.

John Criswell was named assistant to the executive director in charge of the Congressional Support Program of the Democratic National Committee in March, 1966. He had been deputy director of the News and Information Division since January, 1965.

During the 1964 campaign, he worked with the News and Information Division of the Democratic National Committee and

at the National Convention in Atlantic City.

He was administrative assistant to Sen. J. Howard Edmondson of Oklahoma for the two years before coming to the National Committee. During the four years Edmondson was Governor of Oklahoma, Criswell served as his press secretary.

A native Oklahoman, Criswell attended the public schools in Tulsa and Stigler and the University of Tulsa, where he (Continued on page two)

Spring Commencement

534 To Receive Degrees At College Next Friday

Dr. Colvard To Be Speaker At ASTC Finals

With Dr. Dean W. Colvard, chancellor of the University of North Carolina at Charlotte, as speaker, Appalachian State Teachers College will hold its spring commencement program Friday, May 27.

Graduate exercises are scheduled for William J. Conrad Stadium at 10:30 a. m.

A total of 534 students are candidates for degrees. A total of 467 undergraduates are candidates for the bachelor of arts degree. From the graduate school, 61 are candidates for the master of arts degree.

The college is awarding the degree of bachelor of arts for the first time this spring, a liberal arts program have been instituted in addition to the curriculums, mainly in teaching, which already were offered.

Dr. Colvard, who is a native of Ashe County, was with North Carolina State College in Raleigh for 13 years before becoming president of Mississippi State University in 1960. He served as dean of agriculture at State College for seven years.

He has been prominent in a (continued on page two)



Gowns of metallic blue with gold trim will distinguish Watauga High School's honor graduates at exercises on June 3. These seniors rank scholastically in the top ten per cent of the graduating class: Men—back row, left to right—Frank Hayes, Ottie Vance, David Harman, George Hyle, and Clarence Wilson; front row (l-r) Mike Sink, Larry Cline, Randy Hart and Gregory Mast.

Fire Damage Is Small At Local Factory

The alertness of a person living near Vermont-American Corporation Sunday brought to attention a mal-function inside the plant, which unnoticed, might have caused extensive fire damage.

Paul Edmisten, superintendent of the newly established plant, said controls on a heat-treat furnace—in which saw blades are tempered—evidently jammed, allowing the temperature to exceed the normal limit. Added heat in the building caused exhaust fans to kick open, allowing smoke to go out of the building.

A neighbor spotted the smoke and alerted the Boone Fire Department about 1 p. m. The normal stand-by temperature of the furnace, Edmisten said, is 1,400 degrees. No damage was recorded, other than to some control mechanisms.

Democrats Go To Convention

Wade E. Brown and Mrs. R. C. Rivers, incumbent, both of Boone, were elected to membership on the State Democratic Executive Committee at the district caucus held Thursday prior to the State Convention.

Mr. Brown was also named to the committee on permanent organization.

D. Grady Moretz, Sr. and Charles Taylor were named as Watauga members of the ninth district executive committee.

Among those who went to Raleigh for the caucus and convention are: Mrs. Rachel Hartley, Mrs. R. C. Rivers, Wade E. Brown, George Thomas, Tom Winkler, Grady Moretz, Jr., Mack Brown, J. C. Goodnight, Robert Bingham.

232 To Get Diplomas At Watauga High School

Watauga High School officials will confer graduate degrees upon 232 seniors at 8 p. m. on June 3. The Baccalaureate service will take place at 8 p. m. on May 29 in the High School Gymnasium.

The Rev. J. K. Parker will deliver the invocation at the Baccalaureate, and the Rev. Richard Crowder will deliver the sermon. Benediction will be by the Rev. C. O. Vance. The Watauga High School Band, directed by Otis F. Strother, and the Watauga High School Concert Chorus, directed by James Eugene Wilson Jr., will present the musical program.

At the June 3 graduation exercise, the band will be in charge of the musical program. Mike Sink will preside, and

Barbara Perry will lead the devotional and Pledge to the Flag. Senior speakers have been selected on the basis of highest scholastic achievement in their class.

Diane Hagaman, Linda Rainey and Randy Hart will speak on the theme, "Nothing Old Under the Sun".

Dr. N. A. Miller, principal, will present the diplomas; W. Guy Angell, superintendent of the county school system, will recognize the senior class and Dr. Charles Davant, Watauga County School Board, will confer the official declaration of graduation.

Sponsors for the first senior class to graduate from the new Watauga High School are Mrs. Mary McConnell, Miss Elizabeth

Elliott, William Ross, Walter Broyhill, Fred Poplin, Mrs. Janet Auten, Joel Tester and Dale Walsler.

Senior class officers are: President, Ted Allen Brown; vice-president, Ronald Alexander McCreary; secretary, Connie Suzette Holtsclaw; and treasurer, Jack Dean Lawrence Jr.

The senior class of 1966 comprises:

Charles Edward Adams, Thomas Paul Adams, Norma Eggers Adisey, Lewis Hal Anderson, Janice Melba Ayers, Velma Pauline Baird, Larkin Edward Beach, John Harvey Bentley, Delmas Harrydewan Blalock, Nancy Sue Bodenhamer, Richard Wilson Bolling.

Kathleen Broadbent, Don (Continued on page two)



Women honor graduates are (standing, l-r) Diane Hagaman, Charlene Greene, Betty Hodges, Linda Rainey, Elaine Clawson, Mary Glenn and Barbara Perry. Kneeling (l-r) are Carolyn Davis, Nina Clawson, Rebecca Rhodes, Geraldine Dishman, Linda Edmisten and Velma Campbell. (Staff photos)