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BOONE WEATHER			
High	Low	Moisture	Wind
May 24	64	49	74
May 25	72	55	81
May 26	69	56	77
May 27	64	56	73
May 28	75	53	75
May 29	78	51	67
May 30	68	48	65

Snow Given To Nearest Half Inch

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**THE DANIEL BOONE BOTANICAL GARDENS**, adjacent to the Daniel Boone Amphitheater, soon will be open to the public, and a great deal already has been done toward readying the grounds for the enjoyment of thousands who visit it each year. (Staff photo)



## Randall Gets Coveted Eagle Scout Award

Richard Randall of Boy Scout Troop 132, recently received the badge for the highest rank in Boy Scouting, the Eagle Award.

In a service at the First Methodist Church in Boone, the Rev. Richard Crowder, minister and also an Eagle Scout, made the presentation. Dr. Larry Heavrin, Scout Commissioner, outlined Richard's Scouting background. Richard is the son of Dr. and Mrs. J. Frank Randall, 116 Blawie Drive, Boone.

Only one per cent of all boys in Scouting in the United States achieve Eagle Scout rank. Richard is 13 years old and earned the Eagle Award in two and a half years.

Others in Boy Scout Troop 132 are: Paul Miller, Michael Miller, Joe Wilson, David Cottrell, Gales Scroggs, Edward Scroggs, Richard Hester, Brant Hodges, Charles Rhyne, Ronnie Cheek, Brantley Hayes. (Continued on page six)

IRC gives two \$1,000 scholarships to W. H. S. seniors. See page five, section C.

## Face Of Progress

A 14-unit addition, 26' by 100', is being built onto the Cabana Motel on Blowing Rock Road. Owner Estel Wagner says each unit will be equipped with a refrigerator, and the brick veneer complex will feature a sauna bath and swimming pool.

An open-hearth restaurant is being constructed adjacent to Gwyn Hayes' Cardinal Motel, also on the Blowing Rock Road. Hayes says the public facility will seat 104 people. It is 33' by 82' and will be all-masonry construction.

S. Allan Luhn is adding four efficiency units to his Red Shingle Motor Lodge on Blowing Rock Road. Also under construction are two cottages adjacent to the Lodge and a carry-out food establishment known as Kentucky Fried Chicken. Luhn says the second floor will be an indoor picnic area, and floor space in the building will be 2,000 square feet. A swimming pool is being completed at Red Shingle, and a public picnic area is being built on the grounds.

Harold Coffey, owner of the Hill-Top Drive-In, is constructing a new building, 50' by 50' on Highway 421, a mile West of Boone. The drive-in restaurant is being built on the site of the former Hill-Top Drive-In.

## Jordan Wins

Senator Jordan won an easy victory Saturday in the only State Democratic primary race. In unofficial returns Jordan had 356,548 as against 93,401 votes for Hubert Seymour.

It appeared the Senator carried all 100 counties and that his official majority should be about 4 to 1.

## Blossoms On Parkway Soon To Reach Peak

This week, the Catawba rhododendron and flame azalea have started to burst into bloom along the Blue Ridge Parkway from the Virginia-North Carolina line to Grandfather Mountain.

Although the bloom has a good start, it is not expected to reach peak bloom until the weekend of June 4-5. The pink azalea, however, is in full bloom at the present time.

For those who come to enjoy these beauties of nature, it is requested that you look and take pictures but do not pick the flowers. Leave them for the many people that follow you to enjoy.

## Stolen Car Is Wrecked Sunday On 421 West

An automobile stolen from East Bend, N. C., was wrecked on Highway 421, a mile West of Boone early Sunday morning. It was believed that two men, who escaped the prison unit at Yadkinville, near East Bend, were driving the car.

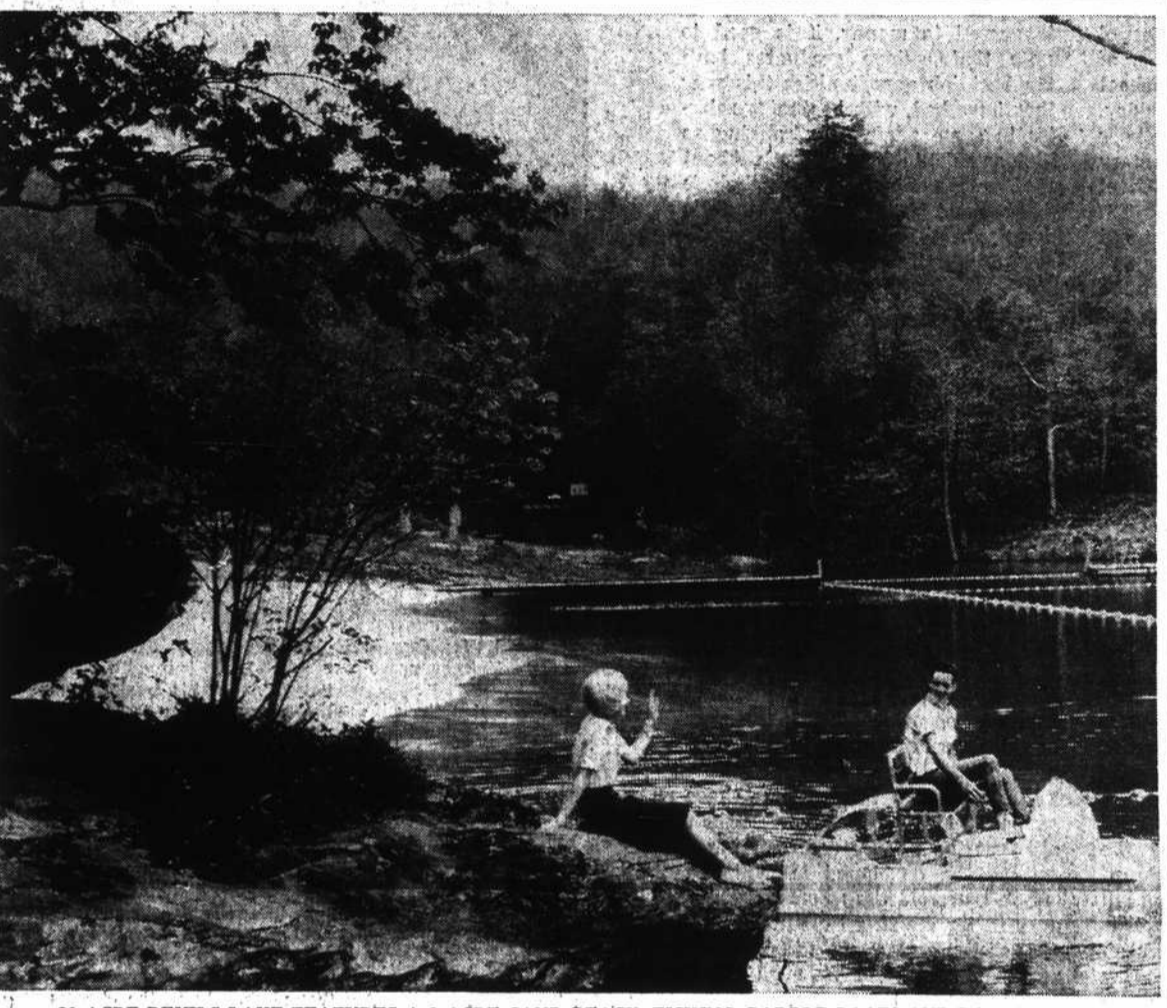
Patrolman Gary Morgan said the crash was reported about 4 a. m., and a caller reported seeing two men and two women get out of the car and walk away. Morgan said there was no indication of injury to passengers in the car.

Morgan found several unopened cans of beer in the 1962 Chevrolet. He said the car was traveling west, went onto the right-hand shoulder of the road and knocked down eight guard rail posts before coming to a stop.

## Horn Auditions Set For Friday

Auditions for the 1966 summer season of "Horn in the West" will be held at the Daniel Boone Theater in Boone at 2 p. m., Friday, June 10. Anyone interested is asked to be at the theater promptly at 2.

Auditions for male and female understudies and singers will be conducted. Applicants must be at least 18 years old.



20 ACRE DEVILS LAKE FEATURES A 2 ACRE SAND BEACH, FISHING, PADDLE BOATS AND ROW BOATS.

## Recreation Complex At Seven Devils Opens For The Summer

The Southeast's newest and most varied mountain resort-recreation complex opened to the public for the summer season Saturday with a grand opening scheduled in early June.

The resort, named Seven Devils, is located on 1,288 acres in Watauga and Avery counties midway between Boone and Linville on N. C. 105. It is being developed by a Winston-Salem corporation at a cost of \$2½ million.

It will employ 30 the year round. Seasonal help will swell the staff to 100.

When all development phases are completed, Seven Devils will offer a variety of summer and winter entertainment: skiing,

golfing, tent and trailer camping, cottage vacationing, swimming, fishing, trail riding, hiking, nature and wildlife studies, and dining and lodging at near-mile-high restaurant and lodge facilities.

Golfing, skiing and restaurant-lodge facilities are incomplete, but all others are open.

The \$250,000 ski complex, designed by noted New Hampshire course planners, will be ready this winter.

and its tallest mountain, Grandfather.

Burro rides are available to those who wish a longer, if more precipitous, way up.

Focal point of the resort is the Visitors' Center, built of native rock, where groceries, camping supplies and laundry service, snack bar and gift shop are offered to sustain the visitor while in residence, whether in

winterized cottages or in well-planned tent and trailer camp sites with underground electrical and water service.

Three lakes, the largest 20 acres, provide an outlet for water sport enthusiasts. There is a sand beach for swimmers, paddle and row boats, and lakes are stocked with bass, bream, and trout.

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## 92 Wagons, 300 Riders Ready For Annual Trip

Wagon registration for the 1966 Daniel Boone Wagon Train has climbed to a record 92 units for the June 27 trek up the Appalachians. In addition to the conventional horse-drawn outfits, five oxen-pulled wagons have joined the caravan. Nearly 300 horseback riders are also expected to make the four-day trip.

W. Dawson of Darby reports that participants will assemble at North Wilkesboro June 26 and 27; camp at Ferguson June 28; at Darby June 29; at Triplett June 30 and conclude at the Boone camp on July 17. The wagons will parade through downtown Boone at 9:30 a. m. July 2.

Originated by the Southern Wagon Train president John

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Talking with National Democratic Committeeman John Criswell after a fund-raising dinner for Robert Bingham Thursday are (l-r) Boone businessman Jay Goodnight and his son, Jimmy. Bingham, Ninth District Congressional candidate, stands at far right. (Flowers photo)

## Primary In Watauga Is Uneventful

COMPLETE UNOFFICIAL PRIMARY RETURNS PAGE 1, SEC. 2

Some three thousand Watauga County voters turned out Saturday to name their candidates for county offices, and returns which are published in the Democrat today indicate that the Republicans didn't take nearly so much interest in the primary as did their Democratic neighbors.

Complete unofficial returns indicate that on the Democratic side Robert C. Thomas was nominated as candidate for Clerk of Superior Court, gathering 1217 votes as against 919 for Robert Hodges. Republican incumbent Orville Foster had no opposition for the nomination.

In the Sheriff's race Democrat Ward G. Carroll was nominated with 1593 votes. Emmitt Oliver got 618.

Incumbent Sheriff Dallas Cheek, Republican, won his party's nod with 628 votes. James C. Lyons tallied 329, while Ernest Blake came along with 57.

For Board of Education the results are:

Democrats: H. W. Mast, Jr., incumbent, 1032; Gene L. Reese 711; Mack D. Brown, incumbent, 1452; Hugh B. Hagaman 1381; John R. Herman 926; R. E. Agle 867. Messrs Mast, Brown and Hagaman, the three highest, will no doubt be recommended for appointment by the Legislature.

For Board of Education, Republicans: John H. Hollar 849; F. D. Baumgardner 761; Archie L. Carroll 697; James B. Stout 425.

For County Commissioners: Democrats: Glenn Hodges 1604; F. Ray Derrick 645; Tom R. Jackson 1861; Dr. Len D. Hagaman 2024. Messrs. Hodges, Jackson and Dr. Hagaman are the candidates.

For County Commissioners: Republican: Hiram Brooks 772; Frederick Michael 710; H. O. Aldridge 499; S. Bynum Greene, incumbent, 808.

Messrs Brooks, Michael and Greene are the candidates of their party.

For State Senator, 25th District, Republicans: T. R. Bryan, Sr. 448; Senator F. D. B. Harding 472. No Democrat candidates for Senate.

For State House of Representatives, 44th District, Republicans: Mack S. Isaacs 497; George M. Harmon 473.

No Democratic candidates for House.

For the United States Senate, incumbent Senator Everett Jordan took a six to one lead over Hubert R. Seymour, Jr., in Watauga. The vote was Jordan 1847, Seymour 292.

## National Committee Official Speaks At Bingham Dinner

More than 300 persons attended a fund-raising dinner held at Watauga High School Thursday night for Robert Bingham, Democratic candidate for the House of Representatives from the Ninth Congressional District.

the Democratic National Committee's executive director in charge of the Congressional Support Program.

Criswell pointed out that the Democratic National Committee has been highly impressed by Bingham.

Harris Poll Cited

"You may have read a few days ago that the Lou Harris Poll of the South showed that 72 per cent of the voters want to cast their ballots for the Democrats. The voters of the

Ninth District of North Carolina have every reason to want to raise that percentage. You are in the unique position of having a candidate who passes the muster," Criswell declared.

"He is young. He is articulate. But more than this, he has convinced us in Washington, and I must presume that he has long ago convinced you, that he is also level-headed and knowledgeable about the needs of this part of the country." (Continued on page eight)