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June 14	72	50	
June 15	73	53	25
June 16	79	55	
June 17	74	56	1.72
June 18	67	54	
June 19	72	58	.33
June 20	74	47	



\$3,713,020.67 Check Passed

What is believed to be the largest single financial transaction in the history of Watauga County took place Thursday morning in the East King Street office of Northwestern Bank. Left to right are Ned Trivette, director of business affairs, ASTC; Jerry Perry, budget officer, ASTC; Lynn Holaday, director of personnel, ASTC; Clyde Martin, accountant, ASTC; Jack Buchanan, cashier of Northwestern; and Alfred Adams, bank vice-president. Perry handed Buchanan a U. S. Treasury Department check in the amount of \$3,713,020.67 which is in payment of bonds purchased by the Federal Government to finance three

dormitories for women, a dorm for men and a student center building being constructed on campus. Trivette said the bonds will be retired over a 40-year period from rental in dorms and student center fees. Construction projects so far have been financed by interim loans from Northwestern Bank, the business manager said. Thus, Appalachian paid off its construction loans, under the Federal college-housing program, through Northwestern. Applications for these buildings were made in 1960, Trivette added. (Staff photo)

Many Veterans Return Horn In West Opens Season On Saturday

Sprucing-Up Contest For Area Towns

Next Nov. 1 was set as the deadline for entries in a new \$3,000 contest aimed at sprucing up small towns and villages in the 11-county Northwest.

The program, sponsored by the Northwest N. C. Development Association, will operate in addition to the long-established community development competition.

Mrs. Doris Potter, reporting to association directors at their meeting at the W. Kerr Scott Dam recreation shelter said emphasis would be on beautification projects but that "local involvement of people in other improvements" would also be stressed.

Prizes Offered

Prizes of \$1,000, \$300 and \$200 in each of two categories will be offered for best achievements during 1967. The categories will divide towns and villages by larger and smaller populations.

As adopted by the directors, the plan asks that entries describe present conditions and indicate the scope of improvements undertaken. Judging will be in November 1967. The prizes will be awarded at the association's annual meeting in December 1967.

Accountants To Hear Mills At Blowing Rock

Members and guests of the North Carolina Society of Accountants will meet in Blowing Rock June 28-29 for their 19th annual convention. President J. C. Harvell reports a full-time day program of fun, relaxation and good fellowship for all attending. He said, "The annual meeting holds much interest for our members as it is the time they can meet together and have time to become acquainted; share common interests—tax matters included—and gain new knowledge through the exchange of ideas helpful to each in their daily accounting practice."

Invited guest speakers holding national and regional offices will bring up-to-date information on the national society's programs and services which affect state society and policies and action programs.

Harold L. Mills, District IV (Continued on page three)



CHARLES ELLEDGE, gifted Horn actor, lifts his eyes in supplication as he plays the part of Preacher Sims in Boone's outdoor drama.

Saga Of Great Western Push To Be Enacted

The saga of the great westward movement and the struggle of the American pioneer for inherent rights will be enacted once again as Dr. Kermit Hutter's outdoor drama, Horn in the West, opens the gates for its 15th season next Saturday, June 25.

Having grown into a position among the veterans in the South's outdoor drama family, the Horn's box office receipts are beginning to reflect the drama's theatrical excellence.

Production director Gene A. Wilson foresees an increase beyond last year's record attendance. He bases his optimism on the booming development of area tourist facilities and increased travel on the nearby Blue Ridge Parkway.

Sponsored by the Southern Appalachian Historical Association, the Horn was founded to preserve the heritage of the Southern Appalachians which, in a true sense, is the heritage of America. For it was in this Daniel Boone country that the hatred of oppression, the love of freedom and private enterprise flowered into a traditional national heritage.

Three stage veterans, all with the show since its birth, return to fill this season's leading roles.

William C. Ross of Boone will again portray Dr. Geoffrey Stuart, a British physician engaged in studying smallpox in the colonies. His son, Jack, joins the patriot regulators and eventually forces his father into a decision for freedom.

Glenn Causey of Arlington, Va., returns as the gaunt leader of pioneers, Daniel Boone, who captures the show's theme with the words: "Seems like I wanta keep goin' into the sunset."

A crowd pleaser for years, Charles Elledge of Marion will again play the comic old Baptist preacher, Reverend Sims, who divides his time between caring for his battle-weary congregations and dodging the advances of old Widow Howard.

Although the Horn is an excellent lesson in history, its format contains something to please every theater-goer from Junior to Grandpa. From Indian fire dances to blazing re-

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Free Showing Of Horn In West Will Be Tonight

Residents of Watauga County are invited to a free preview showing of "Horn in the West", Thursday night in the Daniel Boone Amphitheater.

Director Gene Wilson says the performance will get underway at 10 p. m. Working people are especially urged to take advantage of the free showing of the drama.

Wagon Train Rolls Tuesday

Watauga and Wilkes counties will take a trip back into history as hundreds of mountain citizens and intrigued out-of-staters foresake modern luxury for the fourth annual Daniel Boone Wagon Train beginning June 28.

An expected 100 horse and ox-drawn wagons and probably 300 horseback riders will participate in the four-day event.

The Train will wind its way

The Wagon Train was conceived by the Southern Appalachian Historical Association to call attention to one of the greatest events in American history: the first crossing of the great Appalachian barrier. In authentic mid-eighteenth century style, the Train shows how the foundations for westward expansion were laid.

Chief Scout for the Train is Ivey Moore of North Wilkesboro. G. D. Barnett of Boone is Wagonmaster and John Dawson (Continued on page three)



Linda Blair Rhododendron Queen; Patti Jones Second

Linda Jeanne Blair, of Greensboro, granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. Neal Blair of Deerfield Road, Boone, and a student at the University of North Carolina, Greensboro, was crowned Rhododendron Queen at the Roan Mountain Festival Saturday.

Miss Blair, a green-eyed beauty, also took first place in the swim suit competition during the three-day North Carolina Festival. She was crowned by retiring Queen Jeanne Rhodes of Matthews.

Patti Jones, 19, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Grant Jones of Boone, was first runner-up in the Rhododendron Queen contest, and was also first place winner in the evening gown competition. The Boone beauty received a \$100 savings bond.

Elsie Moore, 18, of Statesville, second runner-up in the queen contest, was first place winner in the talent competition.

Paula Diane Callicutt, 20, of Troy, was named Miss Congeniality of the festival.

Both Miss Blair and Miss Jones were among finalists

picked by the judges in all three categories of the contest—swim suit, evening gown and talent.

Miss Moore was a finalist in both the evening gown and talent competition. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William E. Moore of Statesville.

In the talent competition Friday night in Bowman High School auditorium in Bakersville, Miss Blair gave a dramatic recitation from Thornton Wilder's play "Our Town."

The 22-year-old beauty is a senior at UNC-G. Her major is home economics education and her measurements are 36-23-36.

She is five feet, six and a half inches tall.

Miss Blair is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. Neal Blair Jr. of Greensboro. Her father is engineer for the City of Greensboro, and her mother is employed by the Internal Revenue Service there.

In rain-soaked ceremonies on the Roan Saturday, Mrs. James Broyhill of Lenoir, wife of the U. S. Congressman from the Ninth District, presented the new Rhododendron Queen a \$1,000 scholarship from the Broyhill Education Fund to the college or university of her choice.

With it went the Broyhill Scholarship Trophy. Mrs. Broyhill told the crowd on the mountaintop that the Rhododendron Festival is a nationally-known event, and that it's beauty is a credit to the state and the nation.

Miss Blair also received the Queen's gold wrist watch from the Asheville Citizen-Times Publishing Co., a \$500 wardrobe from Tanners of

North Carolina and the \$500 scholarship and trophy from Blanton's Business College of Asheville.

Miss Blair will be official hostess for the Miss North Carolina Pageant at Greensboro Auditorium July 12 through 16.

Rep. Broyhill, who accompanied his wife to the Roan Mountain ceremonies, and 11th District Rep. Roy A. Taylor of Black Mountain, spoke briefly to the gathering.

Dovie Ann Huntley, 18, (Continued on page three)

Wagon Train Sale Plans Being Made

The three-day Wagon Train Days sale is nearing, and Boone Merchants Association chairman, John Robinson, reminds merchants that colorful sale banners are available at the Crest Store for display.

Planned for June 30, July 1 and 2, Wagon Train Days are expected to offer shoppers and visitors to Boone whole wagon loads of values in honor of the festive event.

Commissioner Graham To Speak At Annual Singing

Hon. James A. Graham, State Commissioner of Agriculture, will be the principal speaker at the 42nd annual "Singing on the Mountain" on June 26 at Grandfather Mountain.

Graham's selection as speaker for this traditional and unique religious singing convention in the southern highlands is particularly appropriate. He is a former mountain man himself, and well-known throughout North Carolina.

He will share the program with several prominent singing groups who will entertain the many thousand of visitors who make the annual pilgrimage to Grandfather Mountain for this special event.

Commissioner Graham is scheduled to address the throng at 1:30 p. m., at the big rock overlooking MacRae Meadow. He has been closely identified for many years with North Carolina at the grass roots level, as well as serving in official capacities for several farm organizations.

Immediately following will be the hymn singing, featuring Arthur Smith and the Crossroads Quartet of Charlotte, Jesse Rice and the Christian Heirs Quartet of Cleveland, Ohio, and the Spiritualaires of Winston-Salem.

One of the largest crowds ever to participate in the annual "Singing on the Mountain"

is expected for this year's program. The singing convention will memorialize the late Joe Larkin Hartley, who served as chairman of the "Singing on the Mountain" for 42 years before his death last February at the age of 95. His son, Joe Lee Hartley, is new chairman, and will be in charge of the June 26 program.

"Singing on the Mountain" annually attracts crowds of some 25,000 who spend the day on the slopes of the highest mountain in the Blue Ridge Range to take part in the singing and listen to the guest speaker.

The largest "Singing on the (Continued on page three)

Land Bank Meet To Attract 1,500

The meeting which brought 1,000 persons to Boone two years ago, 1,200 last year, and expects to roll out the red carpet for 1,500 a week from Saturday—is the annual stockholders meeting of the Federal Land Bank of Boone.

John H. Hollar, manager-appraiser, said this year's meeting will be at 11 a. m. at Boone Elementary School, right after the annual Daniel Boone Wagon Train parade through town. Hollar stressed that plenty of parking is available behind the school.

Robert A. Darr, president, the Federal Land Bank of Columbia, will be featured speaker. He is a recognized leader in farm credit and agricultural organizations and has served as a member of the South Carolina Governor's Agricultural Advisory Committee, state chairman of Farm-City Week, and on other organizations, committees and boards.

S. C. Eggers, president of the Boone FLB, will give away many prizes after the speeches. He has been with FLB since 1933 and has been featured speaker at many stockholders meetings.

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ROBERT A. DARR

Watauga Red Cross To Meet

The annual meeting of the Watauga Chapter American Red Cross will begin at 7 p. m., Monday, June 27, in the Fellowship Hall of the First Baptist Church, Boone. Dinner will be served to the public by the Worthwhile Woman's Club. Plate dinners are \$1.50.

Those wishing to attend only the program are asked to meet in the First Baptist Chapel at 8 p. m. Guest speaker will be Robert Keppel of Hickory.