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1966	Hi	Lo	Snow	Prec.	48 Hi Lo
Aug. 23	72	63	1.26		77 64
Aug. 24	74	53			77 61
Aug. 25	68	55			77 62
Aug. 26	78	55		.07	78 60
Aug. 27	75	50		.06	80 60
Aug. 28	74	49			73 60
Aug. 29	75	51			82 47

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Basketsful of tomatoes, potatoes—Watauga farm crops have had a fight with the elements since early spring. (Staff photo)

50th Anniversary Park Service Observed; Parkway Is Noted

August 25 marked the 50th birthday of the National Park Service. In the short span of 50 years, the Park Service has grown from a few scattered areas to over 220. Some of the newest areas include Cape Cod National Seashore (Mass.), Cape Lookout National Seashore (N. C.), Assateague Island National Seashore (N. Y.) and Fire Island National Seashore (N. Y.). And to think most of it begun with a piece of legislation back on August 25, 1916, called the National Park Service Act. Among other things, this Act provided for the protection of any area set aside under the National Park System in such a manner that it would be left unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations while at the same time providing for its use by the people.

By 1956, it soon became apparent that the Parks were not adequately supplied with the facilities and manpower necessary to take care of the mushrooming increases in visitation. A program called "Mission 66" was initiated to develop areas in the System to more adequately take care of these crowds.

In 1965, realizing that we were still behind, Congress passed the Land and Water Conservation Fund Act. This

authorizes the charging of entrance, admission and user fees at designated Federal recreation areas and dedicates the money from these fees to the purchase and development of new lands and waters for public recreation.

Rangers along the Blue Ridge Parkway urge each and every one to partake in the enjoyment that can be derived

in camping, hiking, picnicking or just driving along the crest of the Blue Ridge. During the summer season there are campfire talks every night except Sunday at the various campgrounds plus morning and afternoon nature walks each day. This is one of many areas that are yours to enjoy and protect for your heritage.

How much of the remaining

outdoor wilderness we save for our children and all future generations to come will largely depend on how we today employ the skills and energy at our disposal. The National Park Service, through its observance of the 50th anniversary, looks ahead to another 50 years of providing the highest caliber of outdoor recreation and enjoyment.

Miss Watauga Is Crowned At Apple Blossom Pageant

Watauga's Queen, Miss Patti Jones, swept through Hendersonville's Apple Festival Beauty Pageant last week, coming home with the cape and crown of royalty. The blue-eyed blond, who was sponsored by the Boone Jaycees, was second runner-up in the contest last year, and this year succeeded Queen Brenda Heath of Fayetteville.

Queen Patti, age 19, was Miss Ashe County in 1963, Miss High School of North Carolina in 1964, Miss Watauga

in 1965 and first runner-up in the Miss Rhododendron contest this year.

She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Grant Jones of West Jefferson. She is 5 feet, 5 inches tall and weighs 115 pounds. Guest Queen, Miss Linda Blair, assisted in the crowning and robing of Patti Thursday night of last week.

Formal presentation of Queen Patti was Friday night when the Coronation Ball was held. Named to the Queen's Court were Carol Elaine Smith of Wilmington, Patricia

Moore Foster of North Wilkesboro and Priscilla Louise Hurte of Fletcher.

A Hootenanny was held in the Hendersonville High School auditorium Saturday night and the Apple Festival program will continue this Friday, resuming with the merchants' sidewalk sale, the annual Kiddie Parade at 10:30 a. m. and a folk dance jamboree Saturday night. The King Apple Street Parade in the afternoon and a street dance Monday night will conclude the annual celebration.



Crowning Patti are Miss Linda Jean Blair (left), the current Rhododendron Queen, and Miss Brenda Heath, who is the Apple Festival Queen of 1965. (Barber photo)

Man Bound In Fatal Shooting

West Jefferson, Aug. 30—Raymond Shelton, 46, of Trade, Tenn., was bound over to Ashe Superior Court yesterday in the fatal shooting of Thomas Russell Snyder, 50, also of Trade, Tenn., in the Tamarack section Aug. 15.

Magistrate W. L. Tucker, ordered Shelton held under a \$3,000 bond for the Oct. 24 term of Ashe Superior Court.

Three witnesses were heard during the session. They testified that Charles Potter and Shelton arrived at the Stevens store and Snyder went after Potter. Potter fled.

Shelton came out of the store and tried to stop Snyder. They scuffled, and Snyder's son, Burl, joined in the fracas. Shelton got away from the pair and started in the store. Snyder followed with his pistol pointed at Shelton.

This all occurred after Snyder had pistol-whipped Shelton when he first saw him. In the meantime, Snyder had shot Shelton in the hand.

When Snyder tried to go into the store after Shelton, they scuffled again and Snyder was fatally shot.

Shelton went into the Stevens store again, and Burl Snyder stood on the outside.

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Apples Are Scarce Watauga Crops Get By Frost, Drought

Damage Not As Great As Was Expected

After Watauga County's duo of late spring frosts, a long dry July and an August full of rain squalls, it looks as if farm crops are not as badly stunted as was first expected.

County Agent L. E. Tuckwiller said the hardest hit of farm produce is apples: "We're out of apples; we have very few," he said. "Many of the ones we have were injured by frost last spring, and won't be first quality apples."

But, he said corn is good throughout the region, and "the tobacco crop looks excellent." He said tobacco possibly will be better than last year. Tobacco on the 1965-66 market brought the biggest slice of farm dollars—\$986,826 out of the total farm income, 1965, of \$3,601,474.

"Much will depend on the (tobacco) curing season," he said. Tobacco will be cut in October, and November is the curing month. Tuckwiller said a dry month is desirable for proper curing of the weed.

Tomatoes

There will be some good tomatoes, although most are late, and the crop short because of the late spring.

Tuckwiller said there is no organized tomato market for this fall. A tomato market operated here in 1964 and 1965, and the County Agent said Goodnight Brothers purchased tomatoes for two years before that. "The average price per pound for tomatoes has been about 5½ cents, and the yield per acre has been somewhere in the neighborhood of \$1,200."

"Cabbage was hurt by the dry weather, but prices have been good this year. The prices have been better than expected because the yield per acre is down."

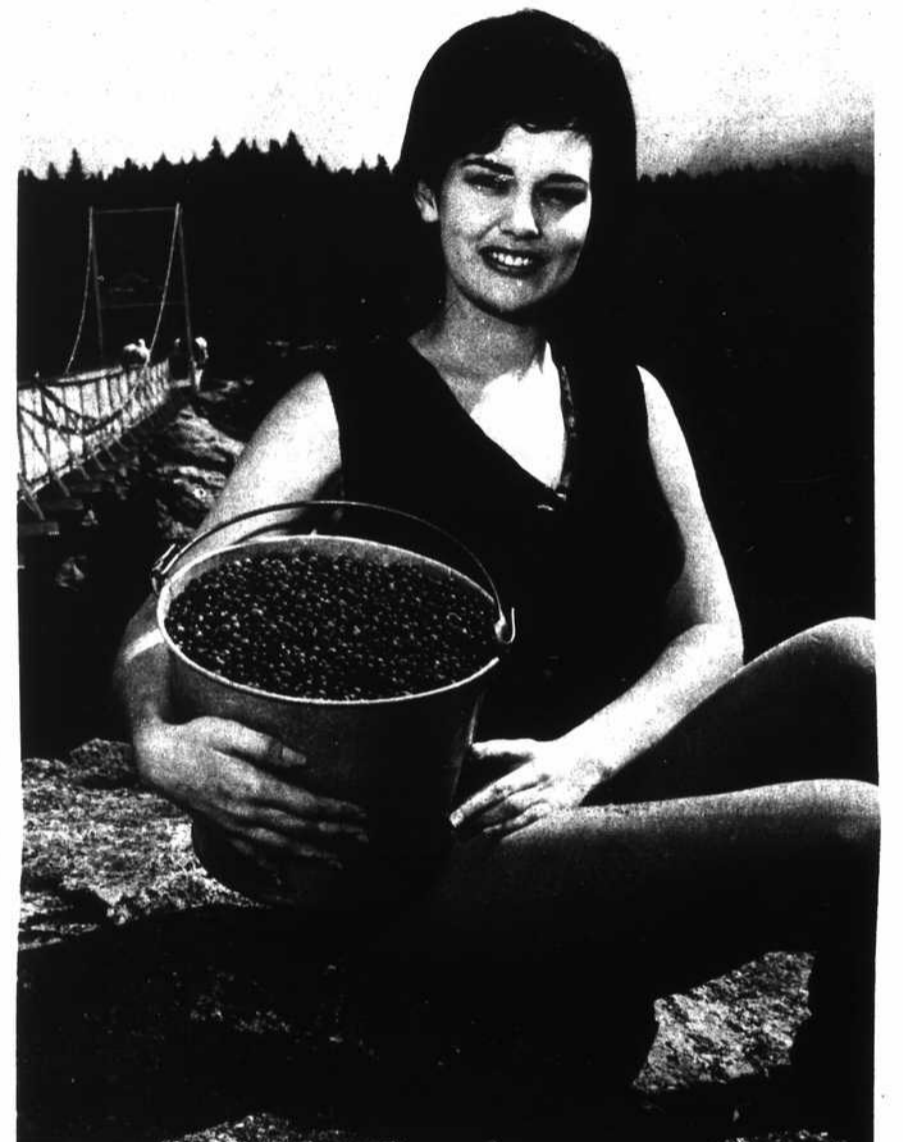
"Pastures and meadows have been excellent" the dry spell gave farmers a chance to get in their hay.

Overall, the loss should amount to several thousands of dollars, but Tuckwiller said it does not look as if the loss is too severe. He noted decreased yield of beans, which he said were affected twofold. By diseases, and by severe damage during the dry days of July.

In 1965, corn put \$14,000 into farmers' pockets. Hay brought \$27,000, apples, \$94,500 (\$148,000 in 1964). Income from broilers, other poultry and cattle was \$1,157,990.

With beef sales coming up, Tuckwiller said the County Agents Office is shifting from a cow-calf program to a yearling.

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HUCKLEBERRIES RIPE—A pretty girl and tasty berries rendezvous every year at Grandfather Mountain, North Carolina when the new "Huckleberry Queen" is selected. This year she is brunette Kristina Allen, whose father is a First Sergeant in the U. S. Army in Vietnam. Nineteen-year-old Kristina was runner up in the "Miss North Carolina" Pageant when she entered as "Miss Winston-Salem."

Drivers Are Urged To Be Careful During Holidays

Since death will ride as usual in the Labor Day parade, every driver in the state is being called upon to use all his skills dodging the Grim One's traps and missing the list of 22 unsuspecting victims who may be killed in traffic accidents on North Carolina's streets and highways during the long holiday weekend, the N. C. State Motor Club warns.

Highway fatalities will be officially counted from 6 p. m. Friday, Sept. 2, through midnight Monday, Sept. 5, a 78-hour period, for the holiday that brings the summer vacation season to an end.

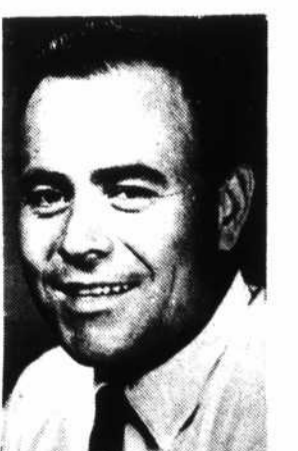
North Carolina's Labor Day death toll last year soared to 30 persons killed and 618 in-

jured in a total of 1,020 accidents. The 30 deaths equalled the state's all-time high for a holiday period set during Christmas of 1959.

Leading driver violations were: speeding, 214; drove left of center, 146; failed to yield right of way, 133; followed too closely, 80; and reckless driving, 64.

Thomas B. Watkins, president of the motor club and the National Automobile Association, said, "There are many ways to drive dangerously, many fatal moves a motorist can make, many opportunities to use poor judgment and poor highway manners that bring untold suffering and destruction."

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DICK BARKLEY
Dick Barkley New Director Of ASTC Bureau

Mrs. Bob Scott To Be Speaker Bingham Rally

Tickets for a luncheon honoring Bob Bingham, Democratic candidate for Congress' Ninth District, can be obtained from Mrs. Gordon Winkler or Mrs. Joe Hartley, who are in charge of arrangements.

Mrs. Bob Scott, wife of the Lieutenant Governor, will speak at the Sept. 10 event to be held at the Chalet Restaurant. Democratic women from throughout the Ninth District are planning to attend. The luncheon will be sponsored by the Watauga County Democratic Woman's Club.

Mrs. Rhoda Greer, 102, Dies Tuesday

Mrs. Rhoda Teague Greer, 102, of Boone died Tuesday at her home. She was the wife of the late James Larkin Greer and daughter of the late Elijah and Dorcas Hattan Teague. She was a charter member of Rutherford Baptist church and active up until her death.

Surviving are a daughter, Mrs. Marjorie Michael; one

son, Raleigh Greer of Deep Gap; 26 grandchildren, 52 great grandchildren, and 30 great great grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted at 4 p. m. Wednesday in Rutherford Baptist Church. Officiating were the Rev. Hurbert McCoy, Rev. Roby Eggers, and Rev. Will Cook. Burial was in the church cemetery.

The state editor of the Durham Sun, Dick Barkley, has been named director of the news bureau at Appalachian State Teachers College here, effective Sept. 1. Announcement comes from Appalachian President W. H. Plemmons.

Barkley succeeds Moses Crutchfield, who is returning to the Greensboro Daily News as assistant managing editor.

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