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1967	Hi	Lo	Snow	Prec.
March 28	60	47	.02	38 19
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April 1	75	38		59 34
April 2	75	40		45 30
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Something to smile about—Appalachian German Professor Carl Bredow displays 115 new books donated to him by two German organizations in Bonn, The volumes, which were given to the teacher to replace his losses in the recent Administration Building fire, are valued at more than \$300.

Tragic College Fire Has Happy Result For Teacher

The tragic Dec. 29 fire which consumed the professional libraries of several Appalachian State Teachers College professors has had a happy ending for at least one teacher.

Carl Bredow, an assistant professor in the department of foreign languages, has received, free of charge, what almost amounts to a new German teaching library. The 115 volumes were given to the ASTC professor by two public service organizations located in Bonn, West Germany.

One of the organizations, Internationes, had previously sent Bredow complimentary materials on contemporary German literature, art and history. In a "thank you" note to the company, Bredow happened to mention the losses he sustained in the fire which razed the college's Administration Building.

To his surprise, Internationes responded by shipping him 53 German volumes including one complete teaching unit with teacher and student texts

and other books on German literary, art and musical history, plus several critical biographies.

Internationes, when unable to supply one of Bredow's destroyed volumes, contacted a similar organization — the

Ministry for All-German Affairs in Bonn. Instead of sending the one book, however, the Ministry supplied Bredow with 63 new volumes.

These the professor describes as a gold mine of po-

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IRC Building Continues In Face Layoffs

Recent layoffs of employees at IRC in Boone have been caused by various economic situations which have filtered down to the local level.

According to a plant official, there have been three work force reductions since the first of the year. He said it is hoped the layoffs will be temporary, and the firm is going ahead on its current building program.

Among industries supplied by IRC products, are automobile and television manufacturers. They report their sales have not been as great as expected, so they are making inventory adjustments on the supplies they have on hand.

Consequently, orders from IRC have been reduced. The loss of 7 per cent tax investment plan also has caused some business cutback, or delayed planned investment, the official stated.

Civitan Club Pancake Day Set For 22nd

The Boone Civitan Club's annual Pancake Day has been set for 6 a. m. to 7 p. m., Saturday, April 22, according to the club's president-elect, W. C. Richardson.

Proceeds from Pancake Day will go to the Watauga 4-H County Council and the Watauga County Rescue Squad.

Civitan members will serve the pancake meals at the Appalachian Elementary School and tickets will be sold by Civitan, Rescue Squad members and 4-H Clubs starting Saturday.



When Horn in the West put up signs like this at the outdoor theater, some were torn down and had to be replaced. Steps are being taken to protect the locally-owned facility. (Staff Photo)

Act To Prevent Horn Vandalism

Comptrollers of the Horn in the West outdoor drama Monday approved a motion by Mrs. Constance Stallings to appropriate enough money to employ a night watchman at the Daniel Boone Amphitheatre and authorized the manager to proceed.

Primary purpose of the luncheon meeting at the Worthwhile Woman's Club House was to find measures by which to prevent further vandalism at the Theatre.

The cause of the fire which destroyed the pioneer schoolhouse there several days ago is still undetermined, but no trespassing signs subsequently put up were quickly torn down, and many had to be replaced.

Residents near the property have asked for heavier patrol of the Town-owned property. Several bon fires have been built in the woods behind the stage.

Attending the meeting at the Board's request, Police Chief Hubert Thomas outlined the De-

partment's patrol plans and said he will deputize the night watchman, Thomas said fines can be imposed for trespassing on the grounds.

Horn Manager Herman Wilcox told the Board of Southern Appalachian Historical Association that the third plate glass window in his office, in the bus terminal building, was broken Sunday night.

A suggestion by Clyde R. Greene to fence off the grounds was tabled for later consideration. Gates would be provided for access during the season.

MAY MEETING

The spring membership meeting was set for the third Monday in May at the Daniel Boone Hotel. The Board will contact Dr. I. G. Greer, president of SAHA, who is ill at Chapel Hill, N. C.

Arrangements committee women are Mrs. Vivian Reynolds (continued on page two)

Trustees Request Measure Appalachian State College To Be Name Boone Institution

Assembly Gets Proposal For New Identity

Enactment of a bill introduced in the N. C. General Assembly Thursday would mark the fourth name-change for Appalachian State Teachers College since its founding.

The proposal to change the name from ASTC to Appalachian State College was introduced at the request of Appalachian's Board of Trustees by Representatives Earl Tate of Caldwell County, Clarence Leatherman of Lincoln County and Liston Ramsey of Madison County.

In 1903, the Legislature created Appalachian Training School for Teachers. In 1925, the Training School became Appalachian State Normal School, again by Legislative action.

Four years later, in 1929, the Legislature enacted Appalachian's present name after a charter revision of the college.

The present name has been a misnomer of sorts since the General Assembly of 1965 enabled it to offer degrees in the liberal arts, thus broadening its former role as strictly a teachers college.

If the bill is enacted, Appalachian will follow the lead set by other state schools that had been teachers colleges. These include Winston-Salem, East Carolina and Western Carolina.

The bill—AG-2156B Session 1967—proposes that "Section 1, GS 116-45.1 is amended by adding at the end thereof the following: "Wherever the words "Appalachian State Teachers College" appear in Chapter 116 of the General Statutes, or in any other general, local or special act, the same shall be stricken and the words "Appalachian State College" inserted in lieu thereof."

"Sec. 2. All laws and clauses of laws in conflict with this act are hereby repealed.

"Sec. 3. This Act shall be in full force and effect from and after its ratification."

Rotarians Go To Dinner For Luther Hodges

Boone Rotarians Fred McNeil, John Bingham and Stanley Harris Sr. attended the Luther Hodges Rotary International dinner at Woollen Gym in Chapel Hill.

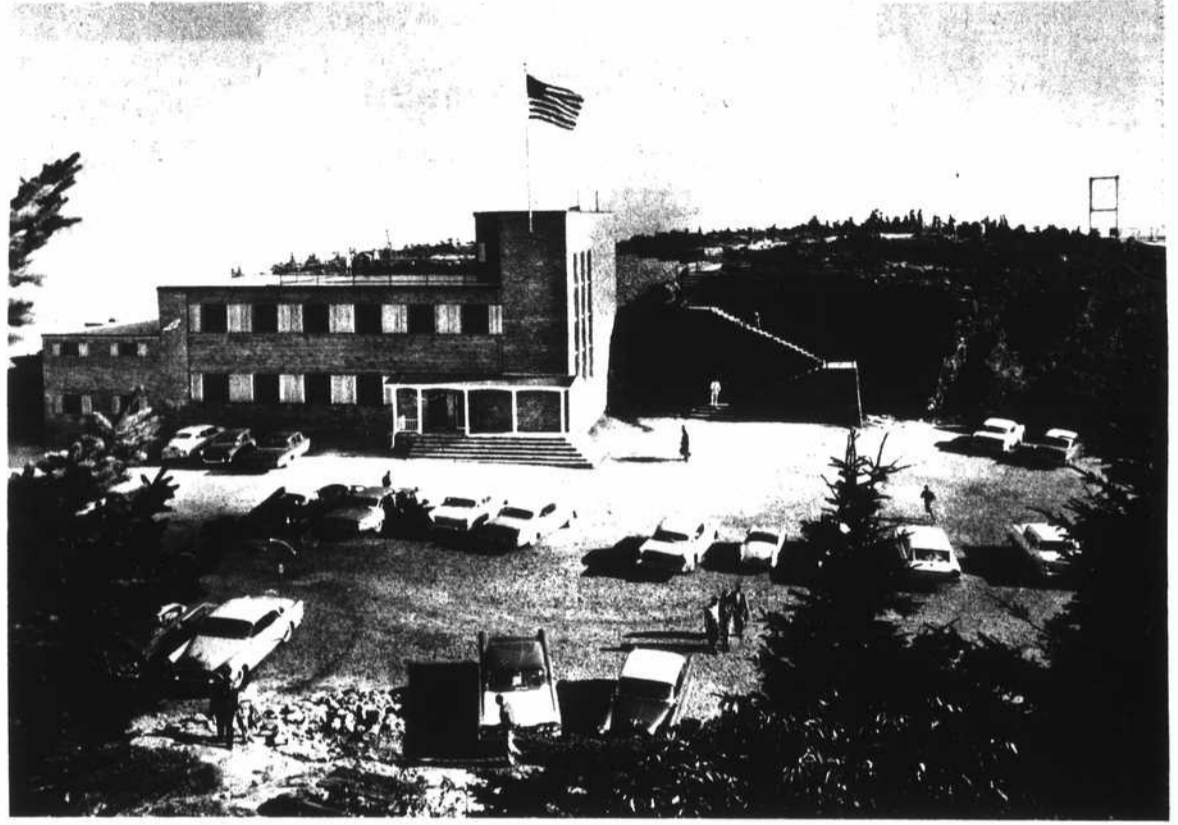
Hodges, former Governor of North Carolina, was inducted as president of Rotary International 1967, succeeding Richard Evans of Salt Lake City. The incoming and outgoing presidents gave stirring addresses to a crowd of about 2,000, some of whom were from as far away as Indiana, Oklahoma, Michigan, Illinois, Pennsylvania and Ohio.

Mrs. Potter Is Named Head Of Travel Council

A North Wilkesboro woman last week was elected president of the North Carolina Travel Council at its annual meeting in Raleigh.

Mrs. Doris B. Potter of North Wilkesboro accepted the gavel Wednesday of last week. She is the first woman ever to be elected to this office. Mrs. Potter also is president of Radio WATA here and is former president of the N. C. Association of Broadcasters.

Mrs. Dan Moore delivered the address, which was broadcast statewide at 12:30 that day.



THE MILE HIGH VISITOR CENTER ON GRANDFATHER

Grandfather Mountain Opens Gates For Another Gay Season

A new season began for Grandfather Mountain April 1, a traditional sign that spring is in the highlands.

The famed Mile High Swinging Bridge, the visitor center, and the museum displays opened Saturday to launch the 1967 season, and the facilities will operate on a daily schedule, 8:00 a. m. to sunset, until November 15.

In between the two dates, Grandfather Mountain's slopes and meadows will be the scene of a series of events ranging from singing conventions to athletic contests. Altogether, six prime festivities are scheduled, and they will unfold against a constantly changing brilliance of wildflower growth and mountain foliage.

The first major wildflower displays begin around May 1, when Trillium Bluets, Lady's Slipper, and pink Azalea Vaseyi come into bloom. These will be followed in a few weeks by red Rhododendron, Flame Azalea, and Mountain Laurel.

On May 28 - 30, Grandfather Mountain joins hands with Linville Resorts, Inc., in playing host to the Atlantic Coast Sportswriters Association.

The Third Annual Grandfather Mountain Citizens Band (CB) Radio Jam'oree is scheduled for June 17-18.

This is followed by one of the nation's most popular and oldest religious singing conventions, the 43rd annual "Singing on the Mountain", on June 25. The "sing" is held at MacRae Meadows at the base of Grandfather Mountain, and it attracts thousands annually.

On July 8 - 9, Grandfather Mountain is the site of the 12th annual Highland Games and

Gathering of Scottish Clans.

On August 19 - 20, pictures and pulchritude take over, when the Grandfather Mountain Camera Clinic and the Carolinas Press Photographers Queen Pageant are held. Selection of the Queen highlights the two days.

Ceremonies celebrating the

15th anniversary of the construction of the now-famous Mile High Swinging Bridge will be held September 2. The bridge, stretching between two of Grandfather Mountain's peaks, was dedicated by the late Governor William B. Umstead on September 2, 1952. By October 5, autumn foliage usually is approaching peak

beauty, and this kaleidoscopic extravaganza remains through October 25.

Grandfather Mountain's facilities close for the season on November 15. Then the old man watches winter settle upon his crags and crowns, and waits hopefully for another spring in the highlands.

Unique Plan To Benefit Co. Schools And College

A unique experiment designed to aid in the progress of the faculties and students of three institutions of learning has been launched in Boone.

The innovation was founded under the theme, "How to make

clearer and more effective the working relationships among the faculties of Appalachian Elementary School, Watauga High School and Appalachian State Teachers College."

Dr. Ben Horton, chairman of the college's department of education, was instrumental in establishing the initial phase of the multi-purpose experiment which he describes as "a mutual undertaking for the profit of everyone connected with all three schools."

The concept was started for the primary purpose of making the elementary and high schools "real" laboratory schools, which they have been, more or less, in name only. It was decided by founders of the experiment that those schools must become "model" schools, and that the new program should exemplify what they can provide without exploiting the students attending them.

The idea for the implementation of the experiment was

conceived last spring, and formal plans materialized in January. Three committees were formed then, after it was determined what was legally possible in conducting such an experiment.

One of the committees is concerned with the use of instructional media, making an organized effort to bring into better use the schools equipment and facilities such as film library, audio-visual center and closed-circuit television.

Another committee is concerned with the use of the curriculum laboratory in the college library, where ma-

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Blowing Rock Names Slate For Town Election

In convention Thursday night, residents of Blowing Rock nominated incumbent Mayor R. B. Hardin and Hayden Pitts to run for the town's highest office.

Present City Councilmen Bill Shaheen, John Goodwin and C. L. Dula were put on the slate, accompanied by Andrew Nimmo, Marshall Travis and Ralph Andrews. Filing deadline is April 10.

Daniel Boone Gardens To Be Opened Next Sunday

The Daniel Boone Gardens have responded to warm weather and Sunday afternoon, weather permitting, the gates will be open for the first time since fall from 2 to 5 p. m.

Holders of season tickets will be admitted free and others may purchase the 1967-68 tickets at the gatehouse for \$1.

The official opening will be April 30, and beginning May 1, the Gardens will be open from 9-11 a. m. and 2-5 p. m. daily except Monday.

Already, the blood root hepaticas, violets, bleeding heart, pussy willows and others make for an interesting camera

session.

Additional plantings are being made each week in preparation for the throngs who will tour the grounds this season. Many visitors find the Gardens an education in botany, viewing the 12 native ferns, the six varieties of trillium, the three jacks-in-the-pulpit and others.

Interest Seen In Providing Horn Recipes

Mrs. Rob Rivers, chairman of the committee which is selecting cooking recipes for possible inclusion in this year's Horn in the West program, says that interest in the project is mounting.

Recipes have been received from Thomasville, Germantown, Raleigh, Jonesboro, Tenn. and Winston-Salem.

Mrs. Rivers appreciates the generous response to the appeal and asks that those interested in submitting recipes do so at once, so that they may be judged and the winners chosen by the May 15 deadline.

Recipes should be submitted to the Horn in the West office, Box 33, Boone, N. C.