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1967	Hi	Lo	Precip.
July 18	75	51	.22
July 19	75	54	
July 20	73	58	.15
July 21	76	58	.07
July 22	75	51	.08
July 23	75	59	
July 24	80	56	.87

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ASU RECEIVES NON-RESTRICTIVE GRANT—Dr. W. H. Plemons (second from right), president of Appalachian State University, is shown receiving a \$1,000 grant last week from the Alcoa Foundation of Pittsburgh, Pa. The grant was awarded by the aluminum company foundation as a part of its program of aid to higher education, and the funds may be used "for whatever purposes" the university may choose. A major portion of the grant will be used in academic scholarships, officials say. Presenting the check is W. B. Russell, works manager of Baden N. C. Works, Aluminum Company of America. At right is C. W. Mabry, public-relations director of the Baden firm; Steve Gabriel, ASU Financial Aid Director, is at left.

44th Charity Horse Show To Open Aug. 3 In Blowing Rock

The biggest sports and social event of the summer, the Blowing Rock Charity Horse Show, opens August 3 this year. It is the oldest show in the Southeast and has become such a tradition in Blowing Rock that the first weekend in August has been known for years simply as "Horse Show Weekend".

host the Annual Horse Show Breakfast and Ball. Mr. G. S. Pickard, Manager of the Hotel has already begun preparation

for the gala events and the outlook is for a most successful period of social activity. Although last year's show

draw some of the finest horses ever exhibited in Blowing Rock, the board of directors predict an even greater show for this year. Last year the grounds were completely redesigned. The area was landscaped and spruced up in general, including a roof for the 600-seat grandstand. Completely new boxes, built in double tiers for an unobstructed view of both show rings and the outside course, will seat another 700 spectators.

The all new construction was planned to make the show as convenient as possible for exhibitors as well as spectators. The new permanent central stable includes deluxe stalls for 36 horses, with a 25 stall annex. The central stable also has dormitories for grooms, wash area, central tack room, kitchen and an apartment for the manager, Mrs. Charles Goggi of Waxhaw.

Construction was also completed last year on an additional 200 permanent stalls, arranged on a hillside in rows of 40 each.

The show dates are August 3, 4, 5, and 6. Entries will be accepted until 6 p. m. July 15 according to Mrs. A. A. Hyatt, secretary. According to Mrs. Hyatt entries are coming in from all over the United States.

Judges and officials for this year's show are Mr. Raymond Shively of Franklin, Tenn., Mr. Paul Smith of Winter Garden, Fla., Mr. C. B. "Ted" Roulston, of Fayetteville, N. Y., Mrs. Frances Newbill Rowe of Crockett. (Continued on page three)



JAMES RHOADES, JERRY MORETZ

Rhoades, Moretz Given New Positions At Bank

First National Bank of Eastern North Carolina has named James E. Rhoades manager of the Boone office and Jerry C. Moretz assistant manager.

Announcement comes from Mitchell F. Allen Jr., president of the Jacksonville-based bank.

Rhoades, who is an assistant vice-president, replaces Richard F. Atkinson, who has joined a bank supplier firm headquartered in Massachusetts.

A veteran of 20 years in the banking industry, he served five years with Wachovia and 10 years with First Union before joining First National of Boone in July of 1963.

He is a native of Winston-Salem where he was on the board of directors of the Junior Chamber of Commerce and was a director of the N. C. Eye Bank. He is a past president of the Boone Optimist Club,

a director of the Boone Red Cross, vice president of the United Fund, a director of WAMY Community Action, Inc., and assistant treasurer of the Boone Methodist Church. He is married to the former Miss Betty West of Winston-Salem.

Moretz, a resident of Boone for 22 years, began his career with First National in 1964. He subsequently was elected assistant cashier and prior to being named assistant manager, was operations officer in Boone.

Moretz is a graduate of Appalachian State Teachers College and received a B. S. in business education. He is first vice-president of the Boone Jaycees, a director of the United Fund and teaches Sunday school at Bethany Lutheran Church. He is married to the former Miss Nancy Coffey of Boone.

This year's show is the 44th held here without missing a single year, even during the gasoline rationing days of World War II. Unlike most horse shows, there are no night classes. Evenings are reserved for parties, many of them for exhibitors and their families.

This year's social agenda for exhibitors includes a square dance Thursday night, a dinner dance at Blowing Rock Country Club on Friday night, and a picnic for junior exhibitors Friday while their seniors attend a cocktail party. In addition to these official parties, there will be a big formal ball at the Greene Park Hotel and one at the Country Club on Saturday night, plus countless private parties.

This will be the first year that the Green Park Hotel will

Homecoming At Grandfather Home Arranged

Homecoming Day will be observed at Grandfather Home in Banner Elk Sunday July 30.

The program includes church services at 11 a. m., lunch at the Home at 12:30 and the alumnae meeting at the recreation building at 1:30.

All Grandfather Home Alumnae and their families are urged to attend.

Thoroughfare Project To Be Started In October

The Boone Thoroughfare Plan will be put under construction the first of October, according to Mayor Clyde R. Greene.

The Mayor said the city, the trustees of Appalachian State University and the Highway Commission have agreed to the last survey of the route, which closely follows Faculty Street, ending on Rivers Street at the

intersection of Water Street. The Thoroughfare reportedly leaves the Faculty Street route at the upper tennis court, banking up in front of the two men's residence halls facing the Street and returning to the Street in the vicinity of the Daniel Boone Monument.

Plans are to construct underpasses to convey male students

from the dormitories and facilitate pedestrian travel between campus and the Conrad Stadium. Mayor Greene said extension of the water line from the corner of Depot and Rivers out along the Poplar Grove Road will commence soon. The line will follow the road behind the North State Canning Company as far as the Robert Swift property, he said.

Special Sunday Night Showing Of Horn Slated

A special performance of "Horn in the West" outdoor drama will be held here Sunday night, July 30.

It will mark the popular drama's only Sunday show of the summer, and it has been scheduled as a make up for the only rain-out of the season which was experienced last week.

The play, which vividly traces a vital decade in the history of America's break to freedom from British oppression just 200 years ago, is now in its 16th consecutive season.

Following the special July 30 performance, the drama will continue nightly except Sundays, through August 26.

Condemnation Act Unpopular Deerfield And Bamboo Oppose Airport There

Open Letter Of Protest Is Made Public

Citizens of the Deerfield and Bamboo communities mean business in their fight against location of a airport there. It all started July 18, when 300 crowded into Sheeler's Store to talk over condemnation legislation introduced by Rep. Mack Isaacs and approved in the General Assembly early this month. Members of the steering committee (Ralph Estes, Billy Cook, Mrs. Margaret Elrod, James Cole, James Harrison) said Friday, in a meeting at the home of Chairman Truman Critcher, it came as a shock.

The first they knew of the legislation, which they believe will facilitate construction of an airport in Happy Valley, was the July 13 issue of the Watauga Democrat.

Cole: "No one has been approached by the Commission about the purchase of land. . . . We feel some approach should have been made."

Critcher: "We want to stress we are not opposed to an airport."

Mrs. Ed H. Wells, secretary: "But we feel it should not be located near any residential area."

They feel their constitutional rights are being threatened; that the people have to know about a bill before it can become law and that, in this case, no notice was given until the law was in force.

In the Friday night session, they laid out a variety of maps, alluding to the "credibility gap" in statements from members of the Watauga Airport Commission, a six-man board appointed by the towns of Boone and Blowing Rock, and the County of Watauga, and now empowered to condemn property for an airport.

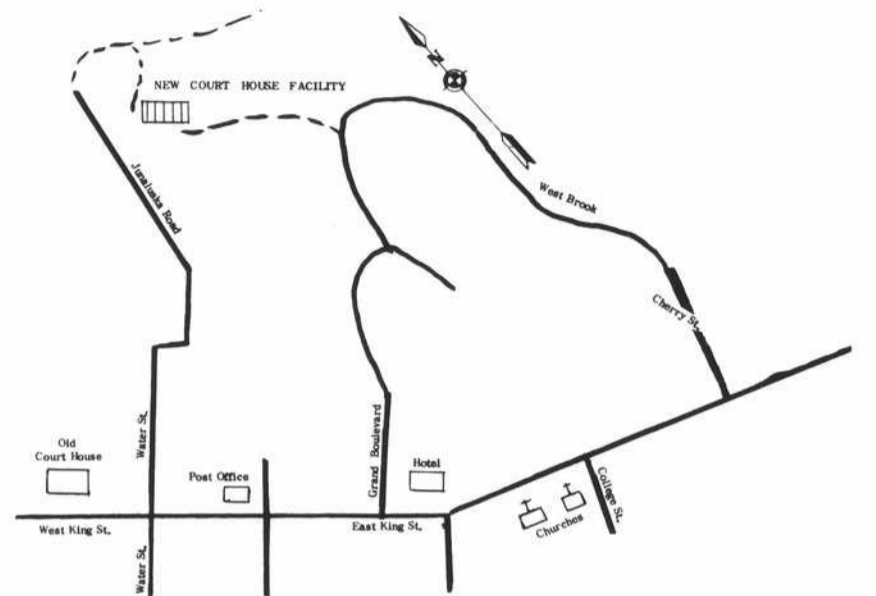
In the Deerfield community, nestled in the western end of Happy Valley, is the Deerfield Road Air Strip.

Asked last week whether the Commission is considering an extension of the private airstrip, Robert Bingham, secretary-treasurer of the Commission, said "We are not talking about the Deerfield Road airstrip in connection with the proposed improved airport facility."

Conversely, the steering committee says the FAA-approved site in question is within 150 yards of the landing strip, extending eastward down the valley to a point near the Blue Ridge Parkway. And, "The proposed easement extends to the present strip," according to Cole.

Bingham had been interviewed on Piedmont Airlines' interest in coming here. Steering committee members noted that two days after the story appeared, a jet made two simulated approaches over the Happy Valley site, while a man made notes on the passes from the ground.

(A source close to the Commission stated in November, 1966, that this site is the only feasible location. A second (Continued on page three)



How To Get To Temporary Courthouse

Watauga Courthouse Ends Period Of Service Friday

The Watauga County Court House will complete its 65-year term of service at noon Friday.

Offices now housed in the

structure on West King Street will open at 8:30 a. m. Monday, July 31, in the former Consolidated School in Junaluska Heights.

Tax Supervisor Claude Danner, who is in charge of the move to new quarters, said this week the County plans to turn the present Court House over to the contractors between Aug. 1 and 5.

The building will be demolished, and construction of a \$450,000 Court House begun on the same site. The measure was approved at the polls in November.

Offices housed in the rock annex and jail will continue normal operations, excepting that the social security representative will be in the veteran's service office of the rock annex the second and fourth Wednesday of each month.

The Employment Security representative will be in the courtroom of the new location each Friday, except during court week when auxiliary arrangements will be made.

Danner said the Neighborhood Youth Corps has packed some of the records and moved them to the School, to help cut down on expenses and time at the last minute. Fox Brothers will do a major portion of the moving, he said.

County officials are in the process of hiring a nightwatchman to guard the records in the School building. County employees will have about 75 per cent of the space available in the old Court House, according to the Supervisor.

The School, which Danner describes as solidly built and well-equipped, has been leased to the County from the owner through Realtor Jerry Coe. The 12-months lease, with an option for three additional months if needed, is at a rate of \$3,600.



WHEELER FARTHING

Rites Held For Former Local Newspaper Man

Funeral services for Benjamin Wheeler Farthing, 49, son of Ben W. Farthing and the late Dixie Glenn Farthing, a former resident of Valle Crucis, were held Sunday afternoon at three o'clock in the chapel of the First Baptist Church in Greensboro. Graveside service was held at Chestnut Hill Cemetery in Salisbury.

Mr. Farthing who started his newspaper career at the Watauga Democrat, with the Appalachian, was a member of the Greensboro Record Staff 15 years until his retirement this spring. Before he came to the Record, he was copy reader, telegraph editor and makeup editor for The Knoxville Journal in Knoxville, Tenn.

For several years he taught a Sunday School class and sang in the choir of First Baptist Church of which he was choir president. He sang in the Lyric Theater's production of "Rose Marie" in 1964 and in the Little Theater's "Mikado" in 1965. (Continued on page three)

BULLETIN

An Associated Press news release in Asheville Citizen Tuesday revealed that the State Supreme Court has ruled that local airport authorities have no right to pledge public money for hometown terminals without first winning specific approval from the voters.

The unanimous opinion was written by Justice I. Beverly Lake as result of a complaint that a Henderson airport project was improperly established without a vote of the people.

As a result, Vance County has no right to condemn property for the facility, justices concluded.

The airport ruling could affect other local authorities already organized in North Carolina or soon to be set up under a new state airport bond law, A. P. reported.

Rotary Club To Have Annual Charity Sale

A single merchant has donated 20 televisions to the annual Charity Auction, set by the Boone Rotary Club for 7:30 to 10:30 p. m. Friday, Aug. 4.

Articles sold are all donated, some new and some used. Proceeds aid the Crippled Children's Fund and other charities and this year's auction will be in the auditorium of the Ap-

palachian Elementary School. Refreshments will be served and door prizes and free gifts will be featured.

Anyone having articles which might be useful is urged to call John Bingham, Glenn Andrews, Wayne Richardson, George Greene or any other Rotarian. They will arrange to have it picked up.