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BOONE WEATHER			
1967	Hi	Lo	Snow Prec.
Aug. 8	79	53	
Aug. 9	78	58	
Aug. 10	76	64	.54
Aug. 11	70	50	
Aug. 12	70	52	
Aug. 13	70	48	
Aug. 14	72	46	

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Man Hurt As Auto Plunges Off 321

David Odell Bollinger, 25, of Route 5, Morganton, was taken to a Blowing Rock hospital late Thursday suffering from injuries he received in a fall down a roadside cliff on U.S. 321 just south of Blowing Rock.

Ernest Roark of Boone, who witnessed the accident, told State Trooper Don Wood he was approaching the scene, about one-half mile south of the Caldwell-Watauga county line when he saw Bollinger's 1957 Buick rolling off an overlook parking space beside the road.

State Is Given Hospital Funds

During the first six months of this year, \$11,969,075.39 in Federal funds was approved to help finance the construction of hospital, mental retardation, and mental health facilities in North Carolina. Dr. Emil E. Palmquist, Regional Health Director of the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare says.

Roark told the officer Bollinger was running beside the open left door of the vehicle. Wood said that the vehicle apparently rolled from a parking space toward the cliff and Bollinger was attempting to stop it.

The vehicle and Bollinger both dropped off the area and the car plunged from 175 to 200 feet before lodging on an outcrop of rocks. Bollinger was found about halfway down.

Members of the Boone Rescue Squad assisted Wood in removing Bollinger from the rocks on which he was lying.

The automobile received extensive damages to its bottom and sides from the beating received by boulders on its way down, but, Wood pointed out, neither its windshield nor any windows were broken. The rocks on which it was lodged were all that kept it from an even longer plunge.

Grandfather Home Day Nets \$10,000



FRED M. COUNCILL

Fred Councill Heads Heritage Furniture Co.

Fred M. Councill, son of Mr. and Mrs. James H. Councill of Boone, will succeed Charles S. Shaughnessy as Head of Heritage Furniture Company November 30.

As Vice-President of Drexel Enterprises, Inc. and General Manager of the Heritage Division, he will be responsible for all the Division's Marketing and Sales activities and for the implementation of important plans for continuing expansion (Continued on page two)

The children of Grandfather Home sang for the 49th consecutive performance of Grandfather Home Day at Ruple Memorial Church in Blowing Rock.

Started in 1918, The Home Day has been sponsored by James I. Vance, Dr. Charles Vardell, David Owens and Mr. and Mrs. Robert G. Hayes. Each year the gifts from these Grandfather Home Day program total well over \$20,000.

In announcing the figure for Sunday's service, Robert G. Hayes, president of the Board of Trustees, Grandfather Home Day had received gifts of \$10,000 with the hope that there would be more checks and donations received from those who were unable to attend the program.

The program included "Comments on the Story of Grandfather Home", Robert G. Hayes; "The Present and Future of Grandfather Home", the Rev. D. Edward Renegar, executive director of the Home; "Strength Through Worship", Grandfather Home chorus and speakers; the reading of Psalm 24; the offering; and the closing prayer, the Rev. J. Richard Holshouser, minister of Ruple Memorial.

Rumor Has It Route 105 Is To Become 221

A rumor that a petition was circulating in Boone to change highway designations was discussed in the Friday night meeting of the Blowing Rock Chamber of Commerce.

Louis H. Smith, president of the Chamber, said a "phantom rumor" had it that a move was on foot to change Highway 105 from Boone to Linville to U.S. 221 and rename U.S. 221 running from Linville to Blowing Rock, 221A.

The present 221 conveys much traffic from Blowing Rock to Linville and a renaming plan of some years ago met opposition in Blowing Rock as well as in other parts of the County.

Smith said he had been unable to pinpoint a sponsor of the alleged petition.

As a precaution, however, the Chamber wrote the Highway Commission in Raleigh, Smith said, to say that before any action on such a proposal is taken, "we'd like to talk with them about it."

White House seeks to add to art collection.



CHARLIE BOONE

Charles Boone To Be Awarded Fellowship

Charles C. Boone, former resident of Boone and administrator of General Hospital, Spartanburg, S. C. will be honored next month by the American College of Hospital Administrators.

He also will be advanced to Fellowship status at the organization's convocation in Chicago.

The ACHA has nearly 7,000 members. Fellowship status is limited and coveted recognition. He has been at Spartanburg since September.

Mr. Boone is a son of Mrs. J. A. Boone of Boone.



Columns Tumble Down

A workman affixed cables to two remaining columns as the first phase of demolishing the Watauga County Courthouse reached completion last Monday. The cables were drawn tight by a power wheel on a bulldozer to pull down the massive brick and mortar columns. In the lower picture, the third breaks away, the one next to it having been loosened by the pressure. Starting with the second floor, walls which were four bricks thick were jerked down by cables threaded from window to window. Logs had been placed under the cables inside the building to exert maximum pressure on the building. In charge of the wrecking operation is contractor Joe Williams of Boone. Several tons of debris are to be hauled away before construction of a \$450,000 court house can be begun on the West King Street site. (Staff photos)



Dr. Hilton Speaker 414 Students Will Get Degrees At University

Names Of BS Candidates In Local Area

A total of 414 students, including 276 who have completed work on their Master's degrees, are candidates for degrees which will be conferred during summer commencement exercises Thursday morning at Appalachian State University. In addition to those due to receive M.A. degrees, 127 are expected to obtain B.S. degrees and 11 slated to earn B.A. degrees.

Dr. James H. Hilton, former president of Iowa State University and now Executive Director of the Smith Reynolds Foundation in Winston-Salem, will deliver the commencement address at 10 a.m. in Broome-Kirk Gymnasium.

The graduation program for Appalachian State University's first commencement exercises has been released by the Dean of Student Affairs.

The summer school band, under the direction of Elmer White, will begin the ceremony with the processional, Pomp and Circumstance by Elgar. After the 414 candidates have filed to their seats, the audience will rise for the hymn, O Worship the King.

Dr. William C. Strickland, professor and department chairman of philosophy and religion, will deliver the invocation.

Accompanied by Miss Robyn Lovvorn of the ASU music faculty, Dr. Perry Daniels, Brevard Music Center, will sing Brahms' "Though with Tongues of Men and Holy Angels."

After Dr. Hilton's address, Dr. Paul Sanders, Dean of Academic Affairs, will present the candidates for the Bachelor's Degrees. Next, Dr. Cratis Williams will present candidates for the Master's Degree and candidates for the Advanced Certificate in Administration. Dr. W. H. Flemmons, president of the university, will confer the degrees, and W. Dean Meredith, registrar, will present diplomas.

The benediction will be given by Methodist campus minister. (Continued on page two)

Boone Man Is Named On State Commission

Gov. Dan Moore Tuesday announced appointment of Mr. J. Rooker of Monroe, Sterling Manning of Raleigh and James H. Councill of Boone to the Board of Trustees, Teachers and State Employees Retirement System, all for terms expiring April 5, 1971.

Councill, who succeeds Withers Davis of Raleigh, is area maintenance engineer with the State Highway Commission and will represent highway employees.



LINDA BURLISON of Rock Hill, S. C. will be one of a dozen contestants in the "Carolinas Photo Queen" Pageant at Grandfather Mountain, August 19 and 20. Her sponsor is Rock McGee of Rock Hill, shown taking a picture of Linda in front of Grandfather's majestic peaks. The Photo Queen Pageant and Camera Clinic are sponsored by the Carolinas Press Photographers Association.—Picture by Hugh Morton.

Photographers To Meet For Grandfather Clinic

Grandfather Mountain—What is probably North Carolina's favorite picture-taking mountain is assured of living up to that role on August 19-20.

That is the date for the annual Grandfather Mountain Camera Clinic sponsored by the Carolinas Press Photographers Association, and it annually attracts scores of amateur and professional photographers for two days of activities.

Two picture-taking sessions atop Grandfather Mountain, with 12 beautiful contestants for the "Carolinas Photo Queen" title acting as models the first day, and the new queen as model for the second day are among several significant highlights for the clinic.

On these two days, the 6,000-foot peak of Grandfather Mountain will become the "picture-takingest" spot in the Blue Ridge. Hank Daniel, president of the Association and a staff photographer on the Charlotte Observer also describes the occasion as a "combination recreational and educational outing."

Daniel said contestants for the "Carolinas Photo Queen" are all queens themselves from

other festivals and contests in the two Carolinas and were chosen by press photographers from the two states to take part in this year's Camera Clinic pageant.

The pageant to choose the winner will have Bill Currie of WSOX-TV in Charlotte as the master of ceremonies. Currie ranks as one of the Carolinas most personable and humorous personalities.

The pageant chairman is Fred Burgess of Clinton, N. C., and he has included two special guests. They are Rhododendron Queen Ann Bailey, and the Cranberry Championship Square Dance Team from Cranberry, N. C., nesting in the shadow of Grandfather Mountain.

Preceding the opening night pageant there will be a "bring your own picnic supper" for photographers and families, in honor of the queen contestants.

The second day opens with a morning shooting session with the new "Carolinas Photo Queen," and is followed by two speaking sessions and a luncheon and business meeting.

The two speakers are Dick Hance, nationally known speaker on the use of still photos in

television news, and Bill Strode a former national press photographer of the year.

Hance, director of news at WFLD-TV in Chicago, will speak on "Why Not Be TV Mavericks?" Strode, staff photographer of the Louisville Courier-Journal, will speak on "Wars, Riots, and Dull Features."

Daniel will preside over the Association's business session.

National Banks Buy Co. Bonds

Charlotte—First National Bank of Eastern North Carolina and First Union National Bank of North Carolina in a joint syndicate submitted the low bid for \$450,000 Watauga County Courthouse bonds. The winning syndicate presented the county an attractive 4.12% net interest cost. This contrasted to the next low bid of 4.20%.

The sealed bids were opened August 8th in the Local Government Commission office in Raleigh.

Shepherd Named President New Farm Group Formed

The State's newest agricultural organization, the N. C. Association of Farmer Elected Committeemen, has a current membership of more than 2,500 and a potential membership 10,000.

M. L. Shepherd is president of the Watauga County organization; Ned Glenn, vice-president; J. N. Wilson, treasurer; J. C. Winebarger, secretary; and Jack Henson, director.

President of the state-wide organization is crop and pork producer Charles R. Reeves, who says "any person who is

a present or past member or alternate of a farmer elected county or community AAA, PMA, CSS or ASC committee is eligible for membership."

The Sampson County man adds that any ASCS county of State office employee who has been a member of a committee "is eligible for membership, but will not be eligible to hold office in the new association."

ECONOMIC HEALTH Associations of farmer committeemen have organized in several states, chiefly the Mid-

west, and the preambles to the State and national association agree:

"All segments of our national economy must be healthy and prosperous if a vigorous forward thrust in the economy is to be maintained. If our farm economy is permitted to lag for any extended period, the entire national economy will suffer.

"History proves that economic depressions are farmed and farm fed."

The constitution of the North Carolina group specifies that it

shall "promote, strengthen and improve the farmer elected committee system for local administration of farm programs."

Its membership is to "increase and improve farm income until it reaches parity with non-farm income, promote and preserve the family-type farm, eradicate rural poverty, build and conserve the soil, water and forestry resources of the nation, promote new uses of agricultural products." (Continued on page two)