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BOONE WEATHER					
1967	Hi	Lo	Snow	Pre.	'66 Hi Lo
Aug. 15	75	50			76 61
Aug. 16	74	49			80 62
Aug. 17	75	50			80 66
Aug. 18	77	56		.02	77 60
Aug. 19	78	57			80 63
Aug. 20	78	60		.23	78 62
Aug. 21	70	61		.27	80 64

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Airport Issue Is Clarified

The Watauga County Airport Commission, in an effort to clear up misconceptions that have arisen concerning location of an airport in Watauga County, offers the following restatement of its position:

"The Commission is interested in an airport that can handle commercial traffic. The Deerfield-Bamboo area of Watauga County does not offer adequate approach distance for a commercial facility.

"Wherefore, the present airport at Deerfield Road will not be extended, nor will a new airport be built in that area."

The statement was submitted by Robert Bingham, secretary-treasurer for the Commission.

Counter Checks To Be Replaced By Local Banks

The Federal Reserve Bank, of which Northwestern and First National of Boone are members, will refuse to handle checks that do not have magnetically inscribed bank transit numbers.

The change-over to the new system will begin Sept. 1.

Counter checks now supplied by local businesses will be removed and replaced with checks bearing the inscription of the local banks' transit numbers.

Each bank will have an identification number which can be recorded by computer methods.

There will be no universal checks, nor can a person any longer change the name of the bank on a printed check, officials say.

Student Loses Toes In Mower Accident

Bobby Shipley was expected to return home Monday night, having been a patient at Watauga County Hospital since a power mower accident Tuesday, Aug. 8.

Son of Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Shipley of Vilas, Bobby lost four toes from his right foot while he was mowing the lawn barefoot. His mother says doctors think he will be able to return to State University Raleigh in September.



PAT MOZINGO of Charlotte, a student at Appalachian State University at Boone and "Miss Watauga County", acquired another title at Grandfather Mountain over the weekend when she won the "Carolinas Photo Queen" pageant sponsored by the Carolinas Press Photographers Association as a part of the Grandfather Mountain Camera Clinic.—Morton Photo.

At Appalachian University Bids To Be Received On Classroom Building

Structure To Cost Million And Half Dollars

Bids will be opened Sept. 21 on a modern, five-story classroom building which will house the academic departments of English, foreign languages and philosophy and religion at Appalachian State University.

The building, which is expected to cost \$1,556,250, will be erected on the current site of Old Lovill Hall, an ancient dormitory which is to be removed from the campus within a few weeks.

It will be constructed at the east end of a proposed open mall which will be bordered on the west end by the new library which already is under construction.

Ned Trivett, Director of Business Affairs at ASU, said the construction of the new classroom building will complete current long-range plans for the interior of the campus.

The building, to contain about 70,000 square feet of floor space, will be of brick and stone design. It is expected to be ready for occupancy shortly after the opening of the fall quarter of the 1968-69 academic year.

The State Legislature recently appropriated \$1,037,500 for use in the construction. A \$518,750 Federal grant through the Higher Education Facilities Act has been awarded to provide the remainder of funds required for the project.

Architects for the structure are Clemmer-Horton-Bush Associates of Hickory.

H. G. Farthing Is Named To State Board



GRADY FARTHING

H. Grady Farthing, Boone savings and loan official, was named last week by Governor Moore to membership on the State Board of Water and Air Resources.

This board was established by the last Legislature upon recommendation of the Governor, who says "this is one of the most important State boards."

The State Stream Sanitation Commission, of which Mr. Farthing was vice-president, is abolished by the new board. Mr. Farthing was a member of that body for 16 years and was appointed by Governors Scott, Umstead, Hodges and Moore. Prior to that time he had served 21 years with the Wildlife and Natural Resources division of the Department of Conservation and Development.

Mr. Farthing is President of the Watauga Savings & Loan Association and has been a member of the Board of Directors for over forty years. He has engaged in many local civic and church activities.



TRANSPORTATION WAS READY for the opening school Monday. During the summer, Watauga's 60 school buses were put in tip-top shape. Twenty-four of the buses got new coats of paint. Holding the stop signal to remind drivers to observe all laws in regard to school buses, Patrolman W. D. Team completes an inspection tour on the bus lot near the County garage. Drivers, who are high school students, attended an orientation class conducted Friday by patrolmen and received their assignments. (Staff photo)

Horn Actors Wind Up Pushing Plane From Runway At Atlanta

They sailed through the air with the greatest of ease . . . but wound up pushing their plane off the runway.

The principals in the drama of Sunday, Aug. 13, were "Horn in the West" players Cherie Elledge, Martin Bright, Karen Shaffer, Jane Von Boskirt, Phyllis MacBryde and Jack Prescott.

Prescott, piloting a single-engine Cessna 185, said he started from the Deerfield Road Air Strip that afternoon, heading for Atlanta, Ga., where the group was to see a performance of "Guys and Dolls" in Atlanta's Municipal Auditorium.

As the plane approached the Municipal Airport in Atlanta,

the pilot said he asked one of his companions to time him, counting two minutes before the plane would pull in behind a landing jet.

And there occurred the error. Prescott said Bright called out "one minute" in the count down, but Prescott misunderstood and prepared to land.

Caught in rotating airstreams thrown off by the jet, the plane began to gyrate wildly, he said, nearly overturning as the craft was about to touch down.

On the ground, the Cessna was battered from side to side, coming to a stop in the middle of the runway with a bent right wing tip, and jets were landing every two minutes. Uninjured,

the pilot and passengers deplaned and with the help of men from a nearby hanger, pushed the light craft out of the way.

The Boone people were able to attend "Guys and Dolls" and met several of the cast. Return trip was by rented car.

Prescott said Monday that the Cessna, which he had borrowed from Boone businessman Paul Brown, still is in Atlanta and may be trucked back to North Carolina. An official estimate of damage to the craft was not available.



MICHAEL AHERN

Michael Ahern Promoted At Blue Ridge Shoe

The Board of Directors of the Melville Shoe Corporation has ratified the appointment of Michael C. Ahern of Boone as a vice-president of the Blue Ridge Shoe Company.

Connected with the shoe industry for 32 years, Ahern's experience with Melville Shoe dates back to 1935 when he joined the J. F. McElwain Company, a northern division of the Melville Corporation.

He was transferred to Wilkesboro, the site of the first plant established in the southern division, in 1961, and became the first plant manager, a position which he held until 1962.

Ahern returned to Blue Ridge Shoe Company in 1966 to accept the position of general superintendent. He has worked in this position with the following responsibilities: quality control, cost control in all areas, product development matters, items pertaining to upper materials and finishes and all regular maintenance activities. He will (Continued on page two)

Goes To North Carolina Fund

Eppley Resigns WAMY Post

The executive director of WAMY Community Action resigned last week to accept a position with the North Carolina Fund.

New Trustee Of University Is Appointed

Dr. Hugh Daniel, Jr. of Waynesville was named Friday by Governor Moore as a new member of the Board of trustees at Appalachian State University, and will take office at once.

He is president of the Waynesville Area Chamber of Commerce.

Dr. Daniel, former president (Continued on page two)

Ernest D. Eppley will be leaving WAMY Sept. 10, according to an announcement Tuesday by Dr. W. H. Plemmons, chairman of the WAMY Board of Directors.

In announcing the resignation, Dr. Plemmons stated the Board's regret at Eppley's decision.

In Durham, N. C. Fund Director George Esser said Eppley will work with 11 community action agencies receiving financial support from the North Carolina Fund, WAMY is one of them.

His work will be evaluation to the agencies on problems and special projects.

"Ernest Eppley has assembled an outstanding staff and, supported by a hard-working, sensitive board of directors, has built a strong program," Esser said. "His system for coordinating ac-

tivities of local agencies is especially outstanding. The Incentive Grants program for small neighborhood group improvement projects has attracted nationwide attention."

"WAMY also has developed many solutions to problems of administering anti-poverty programs over large geographic areas," Esser continued, "reaching people in out of the way locations while still maintaining close coordination with the program's administration."

Eppley became executive director of WAMY in September, 1964, and was the first person employed by the newly-formed agency.

"Under his direction, WAMY and the local school systems developed and operated one of the first Head Start programs in the nation in the summer of 1965. The local Neighborhood Youth Corps program was also

one of the first to be operated in the country, and the two programs are now ranked among the best now in operation," Esser said.

Other new programs which have been taken up by other community action agencies are the Friendly Home Visitor, Mountain Crafts, and Incentive (Continued on page two)

Ralph Greene Stickley Aide In Watauga Co.

Ralph G. Greene of Boone has been named campaign chairman of the Draft Stickley Governor Committee in Watauga County.

The appointment was announced Saturday by William E. Cobb of Morganton, former GOP State Chairman.

Mr. Greene, whom Mr. Cobb said was "a life-long active Republican," is retired from the postal service where he ended his career as a postoffice inspector. He had since served as Tax Supervisor for Watauga County.

In accepting the appointment, Greene said: "Jack Stickley looks to be the first Republican Governor of North Carolina in the twentieth century."

Horn In West Ends Season Saturday

"Horn in the West" ends its 16th consecutive outdoor drama season on Saturday night.

Last week was the best of the 1967 season in attendance, as a total of 4,275 viewed the vivid drama in Daniel Boone Theatre. The year's largest crowd of 1,382 attended Saturday's performance to hike the season's total paid admis-

sions to 25,439. Officials of the Southern Appalachian Historical Association, sponsors of the "Horn", were hopeful that good weather would enable the drama to draw another 4,000 spectators this week. Such an attendance in this closing week would bring the season's total up to the average of the past several years.



DR. HUGH DANIEL

Crafts Exhibit Set For Blowing Rock

The First Mountain Folks Craft Exhibition will be held Labor Day weekend in the Blowing Rock Municipal Park.

Mr. and Mrs. Steve Wiland, VISTA Volunteers sent from Washington to work with crafts-

men and the WAMY crafts program, will be in charge of the Sept. 2 event.

The day-long exhibition is being sponsored by the Blowing Rock Chamber of Commerce in co-operation with VISTA and WAMY, the Wilands say.

Mountain crafts will be on display and craftsmen will demonstrate such arts as spinning, whittling, burlap rug hooking, mountain music and making corn shuck dolls. Among them will be craftsmen who last month were part of the Smithsonian Exhibition in Washington.

Plans are being made to move the Exhibition indoors in case it rains.

The Wilands say the purpose of the Exhibition is to create and maintain a local crafts market.

\$107 Taken From Bus Terminal

Boone police are running an investigation on the breaking and entering of the local bus station Saturday night.

The culprit chose a unique way of entering—by wading the creek between the buildings, Chief Red Lyons reports.

Painters had worked in the station restroom that afternoon and had left the window, which had iron bars, open for the night.

The robber pried open the bars and entered the main office of the station. He escaped with \$107, but no equipment was taken or damaged. (Continued on page two)