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BOONE WEATHER				
1967	Hi	Lo	Snow Prec.	'66 Hi Lo
Oct. 2	71	45		60 31
Oct. 3	73	48		70 39
Oct. 4	70	47		62 47
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Having delivered Boone's newest fire truck, Henry Burgess (right) passes the keys to R. D. Hodges Jr., chief of the Boone Fire Department. It was bought from Dixie Fire & Safety Equipment Company, who had it built by Seagraves Fire Apparatus in Ohio. The reason for buying the truck, Hodges explained, was need. In Boone, for example, the annexation of new territories had made additional equipment necessary. The truck carries

700 feet of 2 1/2-inch hose or 300 feet of 1 1/2-inch, the foam educator can produce 1,700 gallons of foam for extinguishing gasoline fires. Other features are the mobility of the truck for winter driving and the fact that it can pump while on the go. Hodges said the latter would be especially useful for putting out brush fires. (Staff photo)

Rehearsal Hall Asked Historical Group Talks Of Widened Activities

Only Business Is Production "Horn In West"

An audience participation program Monday night brought out a heretofore unvoiced sentiment about the role of the Southern Appalachian Historical Association.

Speaking to the fall meeting of the SAHA membership, Mrs. R. H. Harmon suggested that there be more interest and members in the Association were its projects of a more historical nature.

In a supporting statement, Dr. Max Dixon, said he is "surprised to know that the only business of the Historical Association is to sponsor Horn in the West." He suggested future involvement in restoration and museums as a way of broadening the Association's appeal to local persons interested in history.

The discussion arose from round-table talk on whether to build housing for cast members of the Horn or to consider a canteen-rehearsal hall, which could be constructed for \$8,000 to \$10,000.

Mrs. Harmon said she felt membership funds should not (Continued on page three)



Santa and reindeers—Mrs. Bev Russing, chairman of the Christmas decorations committee; and from left, Mayor Clyde Greene, Alfred Adams and Stanely Harris Sr. (Staff photo)

Christmas Decorations Project Gets Under Way

It was beginning to look like Christmas when members of the Boone Chamber of Commerce city decorations committee got together at Daniel Boone Hotel.

Mrs. Beverly Russing, committee chairman, had decked the luncheon table with a deer-drawn sleigh and Santa for the

Thursday meeting. But it wasn't atmosphere alone.

She suggested that the committee get its funds in hand before deliberating on the type of decorations to be bought. "The government is the only organization I know of that can spend what they don't have, and as I understand it we should have ordered what we are going to need sometime ago."

The committee each with \$100 in hand, was asked to reconvene at noon Friday. And the one with the most money over \$100 will get the centerpiece, complete with reindeer that light up.

Kenneth Wilcox, Cecil Greene and John Robinson were appointed to study a catalogue of decorations which Wilcox brought. Robinson pointed out that the steel frames which each year are wrapped with garland roping and lights are intact.

Committee member Armfield Coffey asked whether the decorations might be put in the Chamber of Commerce budget and pointed out that the United Fund Drive is being conducted, Stanley Harris Jr., C. of C president, suggested that Chamber membership would comprise a sizeable group "who wouldn't see the value of this sort of thing," since it's customarily regarded as a merchants' project.

Mrs. Russing later asked Mayor Greene, honorary member, whether this might later be included in the city budget. "The lighting benefits me as well as the next one, even though I'm not located in the central

business district," she said.

Mrs. Russing suggested that this could be a time for individual donors who enjoy festive decorations at Christmas time to take part. She commented that by expanding sources of income, the decorations committee could begin building a stock of durable, attractive decorations to appeal to everyone coming to Boone during the season.

The committee voted to continue using garland roping after Mayor Greene suggested "Since a great deal of roping is made here in Boone, it should be bought here."

MANPOWER
A guest of the group was H. C. Moretz, interim executive director of WAMU Community Action, Inc., whose Watauga County Neighborhood Youth Corps last year helped put up lights and roping.

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Many Visitors Come For Color Displays

The colorful autumn foliage brought large crowds to the Blowing Rock, Boone and Linville scenic triangle during the week ends and motels were filled with visitors.

The leaves were beautiful and in spite of the occasional rain and spotty areas of fog, the spectacular color was enjoyable.

It is expected that the forest will remain bright during the current week and perhaps longer, depending upon the weather.

New Record Is Established

4,685 Enrolled At ASU

846 Calves Are Sold Tuesday At New Market

A total of 846 calves were sold in the 1967 Boone Feeder Calf Sale at the new Watauga County Livestock Market Tuesday night, Oct. 3. This is an increase of slightly over 100 per cent more than the number sold at the old Boone Livestock Market in 1966. L. E. Tuckwiller says.

The County Extension Chairman says 460 steer calves were sold for an average price per head of \$134, and 386 heifer calves brought an average of \$102 per head.

The average price per pound for steer calves was \$27.62 and for heifer calves the average price was \$23.40. The total sale average was \$25.81 per cwt. Sixty-six per cent of the calves graded good or better.



MARIE ERNESTON REARY

Award Winner

Mrs. Maria Erneston Reary of Boone, has won a special talent award for proficiency in music at Appalachian State University. Mrs. Reary, a junior, gained the award through auditions for openings in ASU's string orchestra. She will receive \$150 cash award during the current school year. A graduate of Appalachian High School, she has played the violin for 15 years. Mrs. Reary is the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Nicholas Erneston.

A total of 4,685 full-time, on-campus students have enrolled for the fall quarter at Appalachian State University. The enrollment figure represents an increase of 268 (6%) over last fall's on-campus total of 4,417 and sets an all-time record.

The enrollment figure of 4,684 announced by ASU Registrar W. Daen Meredith, does not include Saturday class and extension class numbers.

Of the total figure, 4,366 are undergraduates as compared to 3,832 which enrolled last fall. The 1967 graduate enrollment of 254 represents a decrease of 331 from the 1966 total of 585.

The freshman class, with 1,547 members, ranks number one in size and is followed by the juniors who total 1,111. There are 967 sophomores and 741 seniors.

Of the undergraduate enrollment, 2,490 are women and 1,876 are men. In-state undergraduate enrollment is 3,691 and out-of-state students number 675.

Mecklenburg County supplied ASU with more freshman—88—and sophomores—58—than any of the remaining counties in North Carolina. Forsyth County boasts the most juniors with 56. Watauga County claims the most seniors—55—and the most total—240.

The total official enrollment which is to be tabulated after all Saturday class enrollment figures are compiled, will surpass last fall's record total of 4,695.

Following is a county breakdown of all undergraduates from North Carolina:

Watauga—240, Mecklenburg—229, Forsyth—205, Catawba—199, Guilford—165, Wilkes—147, Davidson—134, Iredell—133, Rowan—127, Caldwell—122, Cleveland—117, Alamance—115, Gaston—115, Burke—107, Randolph—95, Cabarrus—89, Ashe-

86, Rutherford—85, Surry—82, Buncombe—71, Wake—66, Lincoln—56, Rockingham—54, Stanley—53, Avery—48, McDowell—42, Durham—42, Union—41, Cumberland—40, Yadkin—36, Mitchell—36, Alexander—35, Davie—35, Moore—33, Richmond—27, Anson—27, Alleghany—25, Henderson—24, Stokes—21, Haywood—21, Harnett—19, Onslow—19, Montgomery—18, Orange—13, Person—13, Robeson—13, Transylvania—11, Yancey—11, Johnston—11, Chatham—10, Scotland—9, Sampson—8, Polk—7, Madison—7, Lee—7, Beaufort—7, Cherokee—6, Columbia—6, New Hanover—6, Craven—5, Carteret—4, Granville—4, Hoke—4, Lenoir—4, Macon—4, Vance—4, Halifax—3, Perquimans—3, Wayne—3, Washington—2, Swain—2, Bladen—2, Caswell—2, Duplin—2, Edgecombe—2, Franklin—2, Jackson—2, Nash—2, Pender—2, Pitt—2, Wilson—2.

Counties with one each are Brunswick, Camden, Chowan, Clay, Hyde, Pasquotank, and Warren.

Blowing Rock Theatre Plans New Casting

Tryouts will be held Friday night at the Blowing Rock Little Theatre.

Producers of the forthcoming play, "Dirty Work At The Cross Roads or Tempted Tried & True" say they need a tall, dark and handsome man for the role of the villain and that other parts are open for both men and women.

The casting will begin at 7:30 p. m. in the Theatre, across from Blowing Rock Post Office.

Furman Buys Interest In Drug Stores

Owners of the Boone Drug Company and the King Street Pharmacy announced Tuesday that Jim Furman has become a partner in their holdings.

Wayne Richardson, O. K. Richardson and Joe Miller said they feel he "will be a definite asset" in the two firms.

Furman had been employed by them since January, 1966. In 1958, he received his B. S. degree in pharmacy from the University of Georgia. He served three years in the Navy, achieving the rank of lieutenant.

He and Mrs. Furman, the former Dolores Anderson of Athens, Ga., and their sons Jim, 5; Tom, 3; and Bill, 6 months reside at 209 Blairmont Drive, Boone, and attend the First Baptist Church.



JIM FURMAN

Three Race Through Fog From Grandfather Meadow

Three lithe, swift-footed men raced silently along the fog-shrouded slopes of the Grandfather toward Boone Saturday.

They ran well and with a stamina and a vigor that may challenge future runners along the same trail.

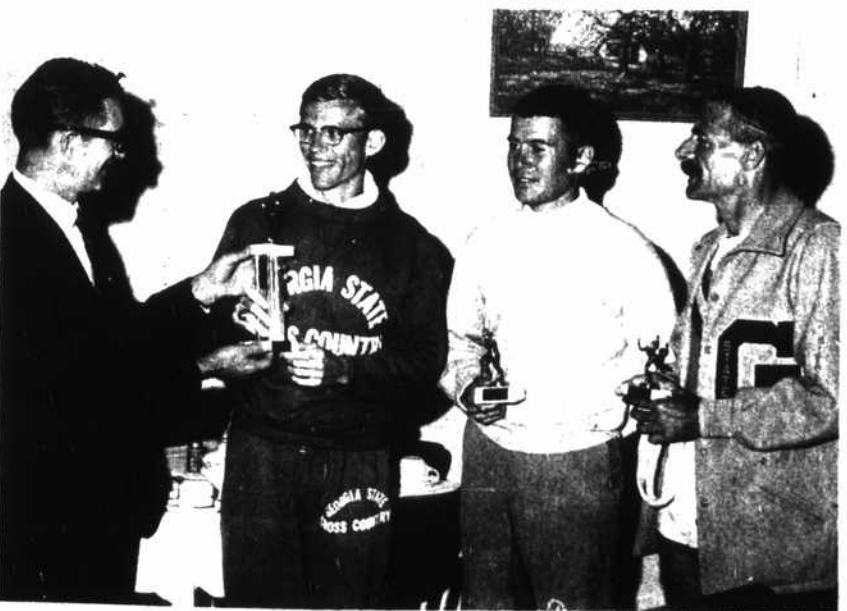
Their mission: To map out a course to be submitted for certification as an official Marathon run from McRae Meadows on Grandfather Mountain to Boone, and to stimulate interest and promote such a

marathon as a part of the Highland Games staged each year at McRae Meadows.

Saturday's run, while not an ASU-sanctioned event, was conducted under AAU Marathon specifications; the course measured and marked in accordance with requirements for the official Marathon. This, among other requirements, must be a measured distance of 26 miles, 385 yards.

Saturday's running was organized and conducted by Fred

Hurd, Duke University Track Team of '60; Bruce LaBude, presently running on the Ga. State College Cross Country Team; and John Jenkins, a 48-year-old retired veteran of the Armed Services Special Forces and a former member of the University of Omaha Track Team. If the Scottish Clans include a Marathon in the 1968 Highland Games at McRae, it will be in large measure due to three men who ran a lonely race on a foggy Saturday.



At trail's end, Democrat staffer, Ralph Tugman (left) congratulates Marathon winner Bruce LaBude, second-placer Fred Hurd, who originated the 26-mile run, and John Jenkins, who was third. (Flowers photo)

Parkway Visit Total Goes Up

The monthly visitor report for Blue Ridge Parkway travel shows September recording a substantial increase in travel over the same month a year ago, and the 1967 travel for the year to date being now slightly ahead of last year.

For all areas of the Parkway 6,377,577 people came through September last year as against 6,652,946 this year for an increase of .043 per cent. However September of this year as against September of last year shows a gain for 1967 of 49%.

Visitors in September 1967 were 1,134,612; for September 1966 761,075.

Bloodmobile To Arrive Oct. 19

The American Red Cross Bloodmobile will visit Watauga County Thursday, Oct. 19.

Mrs. Goldie Fletcher, executive secretary of the county Red Cross chapter, states that 200 pints must be donated by local citizens in order to meet usage requirements.

The mobile unit is to be stationed at the Fellowship Hall of the Boone Baptist Church from 11 a. m. to 4:30 p. m.

Driver License

Office Closed Today

The Boone driver license office will be closed Wednesday and Thursday, October 11-12, says W. R. Stanberry, Driver License Examiner, of Jefferson.

Mr. Stanberry says the closing is due to an in-training school being held in Chapel Hill,