

BOONE WEATHER					
1968	Hi	Lo	Snow	Prec.	'67 Hi Lo
Nov. 12	39	25	8"	.81	65 46
Nov. 13	37	24	3"	.32	56 36
Nov. 14	53	24			49 32
Nov. 15					42 28
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Nov. 18	54	37		.49	47 38

Dr. Miller Is Given Honor For U. S. Service

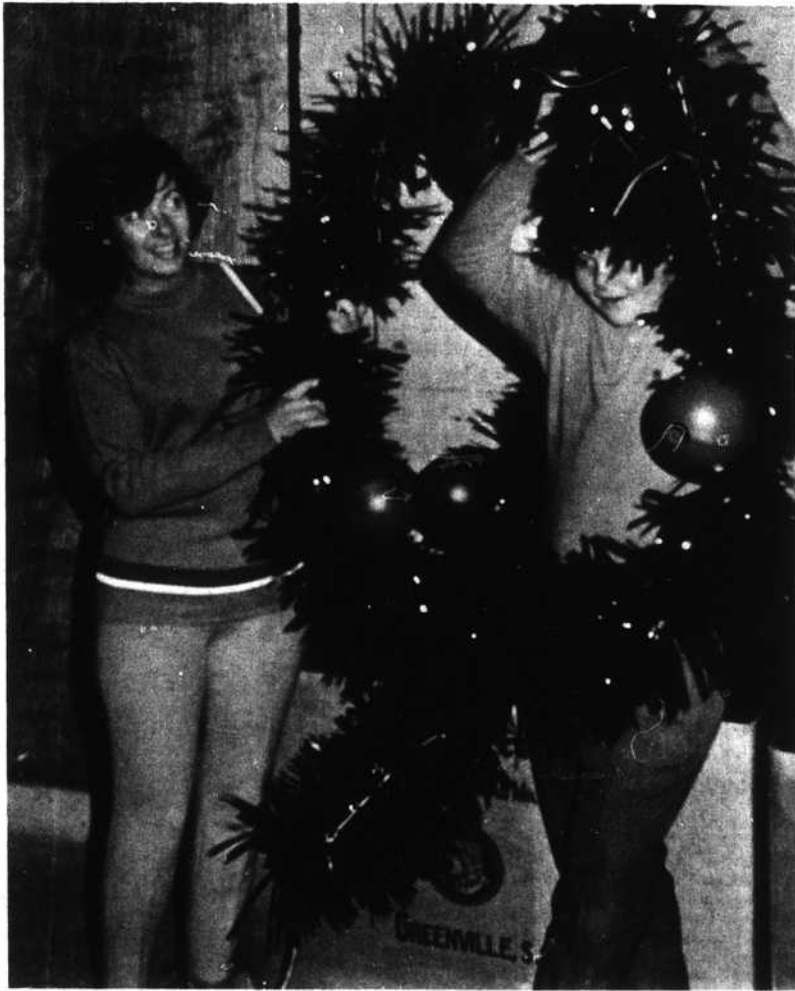
Dr. Banner I. Miller, Class of 1939, was recently awarded the U. S. Department of Commerce Silver Medal for meritorious federal service.

The silver medal, the second highest award given by the Department, was presented to Miller in a ceremony at the Department of Commerce Building in Washington, D. C., Oct. 29. The presentation was made by Secretary C. R. Smith and by Dr. Robert M. White, Administrator for the Environmental Sciences Services Administration.

The citation which Miller received stated that the medal was awarded "for valuable contributions in developing improved techniques for forecasting the movement of hurricanes." Miller is Chief of the Prediction Development Branch of ESSA's National Hurricane Research Laboratory, with offices on the Campus of the University of Miami, Coral Gables, Fla.

Miller graduated from Appalachian in 1938. He later attended New York University where he earned a master of science degree and the University of Chicago, receiving his Ph. D. from that institution. He has published numerous papers in scientific journals and is the co-author of an authoritative book on hurricanes, "Atlantic Hurricanes," published in 1960 by LSU Press. A revised edition was issued in 1964.

Miller is the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Isom S. Miller who were long time residents of Boone.



CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS were unloaded and stored Friday in the former fire truck garage at City Hall. Helping his mother with some of the material is young Craig Russing, age 11. Mrs. Bev Russing is chairman of the Chamber of Commerce committee on Yule decorations and recently devised a rental plan for leasing decorations cheaper than buying them and replacing them periodically. (Staff photo)

Dr. Evans Principal Speaker At Annual Farm-City Dinner

BY RACHEL RIVERS

The Farm-City Week Dinner crowd of 265 listened intently to the story Dr. H. C. Evans told:

A man was on his deathbed, the minister was waiting beside him.

Suddenly the patient sat up, tried to speak, tried to form words, then fell back in exhaustion.

The minister called the doctor, told him the patient was trying so hard to speak . . . if only they could help him.

Again the patient began forming words, but reached to the

bed table to scribble something on a sheet of paper. The minister started to pray.

The doctor read the note—"Get off my oxygen tube."

TOGETHERNESS

The educator used this story as part of his theme that "As we grow in number, we grow closer and closer and closer together. We step on their oxygen tube, they step on ours."

"If we could just understand we're all the same people."

He gave his audience a smattering of experiences living in a town of 2,500 another of 7,000 and a city of seven million. He told about a woman from a New

York slum area who worked 12 to 14 hours a day scrubbing floors to take care of a bum husband and put two small children through school.

There was the boy who had the world's troubles laid at his feet, he and the child in a Pennsylvania camp who broadened Evan's outlook when he said "There goes our chauffeur in his Cadillac."

As a truant officer in Morristown, Dr. Evans asked a nice looking boy for directions to the home of a truant student. The young man identifies himself as

Gwyn Hayes Is New Alderman

Boone businessman Gwyn Hayes has been appointed by the Town Board of Aldermen to serve the unexpired term of the late Fred Gragg.

Mayor Clyde R. Greene says Hayes will take the oath of office at Thursday night's meeting of the Aldermen in City Hall. Other Boone Aldermen are Dr. Hadley M. Wilson and Dr. James B. Graham.

Mr. Gragg had accepted the appointment to the Board after the resignation of Phil Vance, who had been elected to the position.

the hunted one and ran.

Working with the mentally retarded, Dr. Evans said he had known "Boys and girls with IQs of 40 and 50 who could outwit me." Some low-IQ 18-year-olds also managed to get jobs paying more than that of their teacher.

Once he got a call from a lady who said her 11 children were naked and needed clothes. Going to the home, he found good clothes piled from floor to ceiling. "What's going on here?" he asked. "My washing machine is broken," she said.

In Banner Elk, N. C., he met a man he described as illiterate, isolated, intelligent and brilliant at the same time.

But "Everyone has the same needs," he said. "Children here want the same things children want in New York City."

He said he learned two primary things from psychology. One was rapport, "the ability to learn to understand others' problems." The other was empathy whereby "I actually can step into your shoes. I, for a moment, become you." He added this is "The greatest close-

He told the group that heart and mind are essential but most important is a soul with "room for people because it has room

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Farm Chairman Gives Warning Grazing Animals Die In Watauga From Poison

Snakeroot Is Given As Cause Of Fatalities

Two horses and four cows have died and several other animals in Watauga County are sick with fall poisoning, which is sometimes known as milk sick disease or white snakeroot poisoning.

The County Extension Chairman, L. E. Tuckwiller, said the weed poisoning seems to be worse at the higher elevations, "in areas surrounding Rich Mountain on all sides and out on the Beech Mountain."

Not only does fall poisoning affect grazing animals such as cattle, sheep, hogs, horses and goats, it also can affect humans drinking milk from the affected animals.

And the weed which causes the poisoning is "so common," says Tuckwiller, "it's a wonder more animals aren't sick."

LIVE OR DEAD

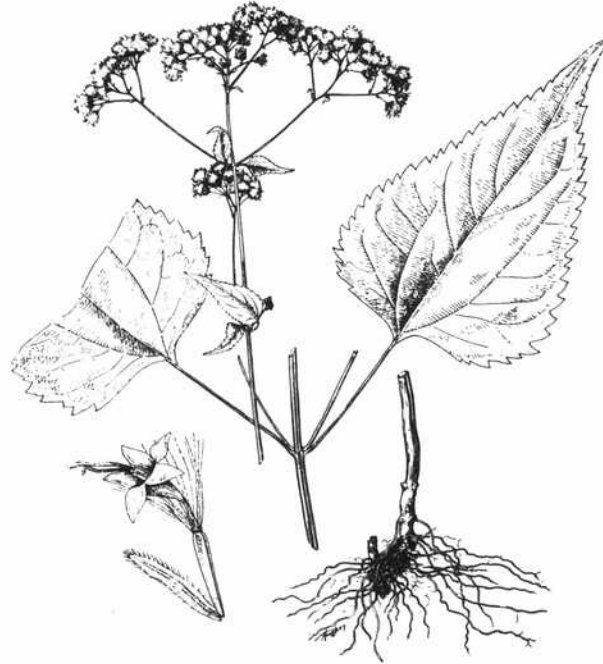
"The weed grows in shady places or rich cove land and results in what we call an accumulative poisoning." Tuckwiller said that an animal may eat it for several days, though it may be "perhaps three to four weeks before he is affected."

"Evidently, it doesn't taste good to animals, but they eat it because of grass failure or dry weather such as we've had this year."

Frost kills it he said, but it still can be potent after dead and if baled with hay for winter feed. If it is consumed before a snowfall, the symptoms may show up when animals are under stress such as produced by stoppage of grazing or shipping.

A State-produced pamphlet called "Stock Poisoning Plants

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WHITE SNAKEROOT—"So common, it's a wonder more animals aren't sick," says County Agent L. E. Tuckwiller. A dry season hurt pasture, causing many animals to ingest the distasteful herb. In Watauga County alone, six grazing animals already are dead from poisoning accumulated over a period of several days.



JAMES D. BARKER

James Barker Gets Position In Raleigh

James D. Barker and formerly of Ashe County has accepted a position as Associate State Supervisor in Trade and Industry Education for the North Carolina Department of Public Instruction in Raleigh.

Barker is presently teaching at Watauga High School where he has been employed for three years. He also has taught extension classes for N. C. State University and Caldwell Tech while in Boone.

He received his B.S. from Appalachian State University in 1965 and is working toward his M.A.

Early Edition Next Week

Next week's edition of the Democrat will come from the presses Monday evening rather than Tuesday to take care of the Thanksgiving advertising needs of some of the local business houses.

The Democrat is glad to render this special service for Thanksgiving week and respectfully asks that advertisers and contributors cooperate fully during the current week to help us make this advanced deadline. Monday, it is again reminded, will be like Tuesday normally is—too late for any but hard news copy.

Boone Burley Mart Auctions To Start

The Boone Tobacco Market opens at 9 Monday morning with sales starting out in the Farmers Burley warehouse just west of Boone.

Manager R. C. Coleman said Tuesday that three-quarters of a million pounds burley was on the floors of Farmer's Burley where daily quotas will be sold until the house is empty. Then buyers will go to Big Burley on the Highway 105-421 Bypass and sell out there while the other warehouse is being refilled.

Sale days will be Monday through Saturday each week all through sales will be called off Thursday, Nov. 28, in obser-

vance of Thanksgiving Day. Sales will run from 9 a.m. until the quota has been sold.

The Boone market serves tobacco farmers in Watauga, Avery, Ashe, Alleghany, Yancey and Mitchell as well as other mountain counties. Tobacco long has been Watauga's king crop in the listing of total income from agricultural pursuits.

Overall, farmers who traded their tobacco in Boone's warehouses last year received payments in the vicinity of two and a quarter million dollars. This season, all major tobacco buying companies again will be represented at the sales. Coleman said there is no set

duration for market operations here. Some 350 people are expected to be involved in each day's sales.

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G.O.P. Victory Rally Tonight

A Republican victory rally will be held Thursday night in the Holiday Inn Restaurant in Boone.

Republican county officials along with Tenth District Rep. Jim Broyles will be featured. Dinner time is 7 p. m.

Local Marriages Increase

Bigger Baby Crop Seen For Watauga County

As was predicted, the postwar baby boom that took place in Watauga County during the late '40s is now producing a marriage boom.

And, in turn, the marriage boom means that a bigger baby crop may be expected for the next few years.

In general, the annual ratio between number of births and number of marriages in the local area is about 2.88.

As a consequence, with the marked increase in marriages locally, a corresponding rise in births is foreseen.

Reports from all over the country show a sharp advance in the number of marriages taking place. In the first six months of 1968 alone, the total was up more than 10 percent over last year.

No less than 2,000,000 couples in the United States will be marching to the altar this year, as against 1,523,400 in 1960, it is estimated.

The figures are from the Department of Commerce and the Department of Health, Education and Welfare.

On the basis of their findings, the marriage rate in Watauga County is now approximately 8.3 per 1,000 residents.

By way of comparison, the rate was 7.4 per 1,000 in the local area in 1964.

The upswing is directly attributed to the sharp rise in the number of young people who have arrived at the marrying age.

The latest Census Bureau figures show that there are some 1,729 young men and women locally between the ages of 20 and 25, which is the span in which most first marriages take place.

This is a greater number than is usual in that age group.

With each new marriage a new family is formed and, with each family a new household, with its need of furniture, dishes, linens, floor covering, electrical appliances, draperies and many other items that go into housekeeping. Eventually, the need will be for baby carriages, too.

The Census Bureau estimates that the average annual increase in number of households in the United States, for the next few years, will be about 1,200,000 as compared with 882,000 in the 1960-66 period.



Dr. H. C. Evans of Lees-McRae College chats with A. T. Adams after the Farm-City Week Dinner last week. (Staff photo)