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BOONE WEATHER

Table with columns: Date, High, Low, Precip, Snow, Wind, Clouds. Rows for July 22-28.

Bloodmobile At Greenway Church Tuesday

The Red Cross Bloodmobile will be at Greenway Baptist Church Tuesday, Aug. 5, from 11 to 4:30. One-hundred-fifty pints will be needed to meet the local quota.

Newland Man Killed In War

The Defense Department announced Friday that another North Carolina soldier has been killed in action in Vietnam. He was Pfc. Ronnie G. Greene, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. Eubank C. Greene of Rt. 1, Newland.



REGISTER TO VOTE—Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Watkins of Grand Boulevard take their oath as they register in Watauga's new registration program. They are taking their oath from Mrs. Kenneth Wineberger, clerk in the Watauga County Board of Elections office.

Work On Four-Laning Link Of 421 On Mountain To Start Soon

North Wilkesboro—Five miles of U. S. Highway 421 immediately west of the Wilkesboros soon will become a four-lane highway. Also programmed for early construction is four-laning of U. S. Highway 421 a distance of 1.7 miles extending from the

Wilkes County line west into Watauga. Highway Division Engineer James E. Doughton discussed highway construction plans in this area with a representative of The Journal-Patriot.

The U. S. Highway 421 four lanes from a point near Curtis Bridge extending about five miles west. This project, the division engineer said, should be ready for bids in 1970.

Meanwhile, surveys have been completed for making 421 four lanes for 1.7 miles west of the Wilkes-Watauga line. That stretch of highway will be about the midway point of the grade which scales the main formation of the Blue Ridge, and will facilitate traffic in that it will provide an area for easy passing.

Students And Faculty To Be Welcomed To ASU, Town

Several projects to welcome students and faculty to Boone and Appalachian State University were planned by the Community Campus Relations Committee at its monthly meeting Friday night. The Rev. Bob Young, chairman of the sub-committee to welcome students and faculty, announced that Sunday, Sept. 14, has been designated as the day when the families of Boone and Watauga County will be asked to take two or three freshmen students to lunch or dinner spend some time with them and show them the community in which they will be living during the coming months and years.

As the freshman enrollment at Appalachian will be around 1,600 students, approximately 800 families will need to volunteer so that no new student will be overlooked. The churches and civic clubs of Boone and Blowing Rock will be asked to solicit their congregations and membership for families who will sign up to take Appalachian students home or out to dinner on Sept. 14.

As each family is assigned their students, the Community Campus Relations Committee suggests that they write them prior to their arrival at Appalachian and then contact them when they arrive on campus. Any family in the community who would like to participate in this and is not contacted by their church or a civic club, can call James Marsh at Watauga Savings and Loan Association and their names will be added to the list to which students will be assigned.

Community Is Invited To ASU Dedication

Officials at Appalachian State University have issued a cordial invitation to the entire community to attend dedication ceremonies of Sanford Hall this Sunday afternoon. Scheduled to begin in L. G. Greer Hall's auditorium at 2 p. m., the dedication will be presided over by Dr. W. H. Plammons, Gov. Robert W. Scott will deliver the dedication address, and Mrs. Terry Sanford will respond on behalf of her family.

An open house of Terry and Margaret Rose Sanford Hall will commence immediately after the proceedings in Greer Hall. Music for the event will include "Rhosymedre," a Welch hymn by Ralph Vaughn Williams and J. S. Bach's "Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring," both performed by the Cannon Music Camp Orchestra under the direction of Dr. Nicholas Erneston. The Cannon Music Camp Choir II, directed by Dr. Joseph Logan, will sing G. F. Handel's Verdant Meadows and Schubert's Kyrie Eleison, Mass in G.

Grandfather Home Day Sunday 10th

Sunday, Aug. 10, will be the 51st consecutive annual Grandfather Home Day at Rumble Memorial Presbyterian Church in Blowing Rock. Collection for the service will go to the orphanage located at Banner Elk.

The featured guest speaker will be Brown Patton, a junior at East Tennessee State University who is a candidate for the Gospel Ministry. He will relate what the home meant to him when he was a child growing up in the home.

An open house will be held at the home that afternoon from 3 to 5 p. m. The facility currently is the home for 90 children.

Other Commission members are: B. Gwyn McNeil of Jonesville, wholesale auto parts dealer; Clifton L. Benson, Raleigh

Ashe County Leader Is Named To Highway Post

Robert G. Barr, West Jefferson insurance and real estate dealer, was one of the 23-member Highway Commission appointed last Wednesday by Governor Robert W. Scott. Mr. Barr, long prominent in Democratic party affairs and former member of the Ashe County school board is in the present 11th Division composed of Ashe, Alleghany, Watauga, Wilkes, Yadkin and Avery counties. However under the new setup the new Commissioners will be assigned their counties at the swearing-in ceremonies today (Wednesday).

State Employees Assn. Will Meet At Appalachian Tonight

Members of the North Carolina State Employees Association in Buncombe and surrounding counties will hold their annual area meeting Thursday night at 7 at Appalachian State University. Area 1 includes Buncombe, Polk, Rutherford, McDowell, Caldwell, Mitchell, Avery and Watauga Counties. The NCSEA is an organization of state employees which works to improve their working conditions and the

business man. Joseph W. Nowell Jr. of Winfall, Perquimans County farmer. Carroll Gilliam of Windsor, Bertie County farmer. Arthur Tripp of Greenville, tobacco warehouseman and farmer. James M. Smith of Chincapin, Duplin County merchant-farmer.

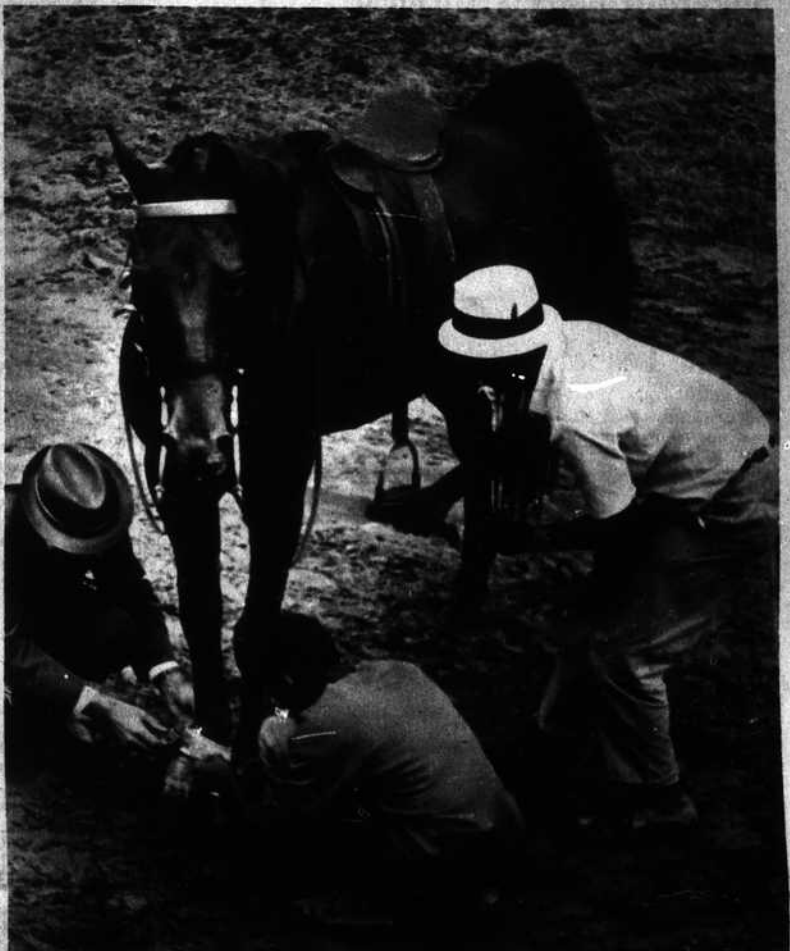
Bill Williams of Middlesex, Nash County farmer. William G. Clark II of Tarboro, president of a farm supply firm. Charles Dawkins, Fayetteville businessman. David Farnell, merchant-farmer and mayor of Parkton in Robeson County. T. Lynwood Smith of High (Continued on page two)

4,000,000 Gallons A Day First Contract Is Let On ASU Water Plant

System To Be Completed By Autumn Of 1972

Wilson and Clark Construction Co. of Johnson City, Tenn. has been awarded a \$74,672.15 contract for the initial phase of a water system expansion project estimated to cost \$2.2 million which was approved by the 1969 General Assembly for Appalachian State University.

The new system, scheduled to be in operation by the fall of 1972, is initially designed to deliver 2,000,000 gallons of water a day. But a simple filter plant expansion will double the system's potential to 4,000,000 gallons daily. The present system produces 600,000 gallons a day from wells. The campus expects to face a water shortage, similar to the one suffered here last fall, when some 6,000 students returned to school in September. University officials are making arrangements under which the campus system may be supplemented during peak periods with water from the town of Boone.



TENDER LOVE AND CARE was afforded this walking horse during last year's Blowing Rock Horse Show in Bryophil Park. The 1969 edition of the acclaimed four-day show gets underway Thursday morning with two classes being run simultaneously on the spacious show grounds.

In August and early September, as the first stage of the project, Wilson and Clark will install nearly a half mile of 18-inch pipe through the center of Appalachian's campus.

Construction of the distribution system is being coordinated with a campus development and landscaping program to avoid duplication of construction expense.

Blowing Rock Horse Show To Have Over 400 Entries

Over 400 horses from all over the United States are expected to be shown at the 46th Annual Blowing Rock Charity Horse Show, Thursday, July 31 through Sunday August 3. Mrs. Frances Hyatt, Secretary of the Show, told the Rock-et that for the first time in years, entries will remain open until show time on Thursday. Temporary and permanent stalls are now being built and should be completed by early next week.

As of Tuesday, Debby's Cup—the drive to provide plastic surgery for little Deborah Coffey of Blowing Rock—contained \$3,455.77. Lists of contributors to this charitable cause still are being compiled. Please send your check to The Blowing Rock, Box 802, Blowing Rock; Mrs. Jake Jones, The Northwestern Bank, Blowing Rock; or the Watauga Democrat, Drawer 353 Boone, 28607. And please address envelopes to "Debby's Cup" in care of the selected firm.

Further information as to reservations and entries may be obtained by calling Mrs. Hyatt at 295-4541.

Over \$10,000 in prizes are to be awarded in the four day event which highlights the summer season in Blowing Rock. Long recognized as the southeast's top sports and social event, the four-day Blowing Rock show attracts entries from states all over the country. Social festivities are held all during "Horse Show Week" with dinner dances, a horse show breakfast, the traditional horse show ball, and hundreds of other parties hosted by officials of the horse show itself.

Debby's Cup

Jaycees Set Tea For Those Interested In Beauty Crown

In preparation for their annual Miss Watauga Pageant in November, the Boone Jaycees next week will hold a tea for young women interested in vying for the local crown. Winning the county title enables a girl to compete for the Miss North Carolina crown. The state winner then goes to the Miss America contest.

The Jaycees say the first 10 girls to put in an application will be accepted. Those interested are asked to attend the tea from 3 to 5 Friday, Aug. 8, at the Cardinal Restaurant. Make arrangements through Mrs. Ron Hester at 267-2545. Information may also be had from the Public Affairs Office.