

BOONE WEATHER			
1969	Hi	Lo	Prev. Snow
AUG. 26	78	57	75 58
AUG. 27	75	53	70 48
AUG. 28	77	49	71 49
AUG. 29	79	47	73 39
AUG. 30	79	45	73 39
AUG. 31	72	51	71 45
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To Vote On Bond Issue

\$1.4 Million To Be Asked To Aid Public Schools

Bond Monies To Be Added To Grant Of N. C.

Watauga County voters will be asked to approve a \$1.4 million bond issue Nov. 4 to finance public school expansion and improvements in the county.

Formal request for bond monies to be added to a \$1.25 million state appropriation was adopted Monday night at the September meeting of the Watauga County Board of Education.

The request was forwarded the next day to the Watauga County Commissioners who planned to call the issue at the meeting Tuesday afternoon. County Attorney James Houshouser Jr. met with the school board Monday night to coordinate details of the request.

The school board specifically requested \$500,000 for "top-priority" renovations and improvements at the county's seven elementary schools and high school and \$900,000 to augment state funds for construction of a new elementary school for the Boone area.

The \$1.25 million state appropriation to supplement local funds for the new elementary school was made by the 1969 General Assembly. However, the appropriation carries the stipulation that the project must be under contract by December 1970, the school board said.

In earmarking the half million dollars for the present seven elementary schools owned by the county, the board of education officially adopted the following schedule:

Mabel School, new multi-purpose room, \$60,000.

Bethel School, new multi-purpose room, \$60,000.

Cove Creek School, move cafeteria to old agriculture building and renovate space for classrooms, \$65,000.

Valle Crucis, renovate auditorium for library and work space, \$35,000.

Parkway School, library and toilet improvements and expansion, \$90,000.

Green Valley, library renovations and provide a classroom, \$20,000.

And Blowing Rock, library renovations, \$15,000.

These allocation proposals (continued on page two)



CATHEEN ELIZABETH WONSAVAGE shown in costume for a scene in "The Nutcracker" 1968.

Ballet Star Will Be Back At Arts School

Miss Cathleen Elizabeth Wonsavage, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John P. Wonsavage of Winston-Salem will return Sept. 15 to the North Carolina School of the Arts there for her fourth year as a dance major in classical ballet. She has been awarded a scholarship to the school for the second year and, at sixteen, will be in the eleventh grade.

Cathleen is returning from a successful summer of dancing in the Kermit Hunter outdoor drama of "Unto These Hills" in Cherokee.

She has performed for the past three years in the North Carolina School of the Arts' annual Christmas presentation of Tchaikovsky's "The Nutcracker". This production—always a sell-out in Winston-Salem—will probably be taken on tour to several other cities in the state. Last year, accompanied by the North Carolina Symphony, it toured Raleigh and Durham.

Cathleen's mother is the former Chloe Ann Greer of Boone, who for several years was a secretary in the business office of Appalachian State University. Her father, a graduate of Appalachian, is employed by the Western Electric Company of Winston-Salem.

Annual Rotary Auction To Aid Hospital Project

Boone Rotarians are asking residents to canvass their homes for usable items to contribute to the club's Sept. 13 auction at Watauga High School.

Proceeds from the event will benefit the J. B. Hagan Memorial Cardiac Unit at Watauga County Hospital, crippled children, ASU college scholarships, Cannon Music Camp scholarships, international student scholarships, Little League Baseball, Midget Football and other beneficial community projects.

The Watauga Savings & Loan Association and Boone Post Office are serving this week and next as the collection points, according to Lee Barnett, who has charge of Rotary's finance projects overall.

A past-president of the club, James Marsh says donors may call him, Barnett or Dr. Frank Randall to arrange for pickup of heavier items. By "cleaning house," Marsh says many may find furniture and other saleable items they no longer need.

Commenting especially on the Dr. J. B. Hagan Memorial Cardiac Care Center, Marsh said a community event for its benefit "gives us an opportunity to be involved with all the people who have heart trouble." He understands that with the proper equipment, "the Center can be one of the finest in western North Carolina."

The 44-member club will amass items worth from \$2 up (Continued on page two)



The old Mayview Manor in Blowing Rock is to be reconditioned and opened as the Tweetsie Grand Hotel. (Hugh Morton photo)

Fabled Mayview Manor To Be Restored To Former Gaiety By Robbins Brothers

Blowing Rock—Mayview Manor, for decades the mountain mecca of aristocrats—before a decline in recent years forced her into a lonely retirement in 1966—will be restored to the gay life in the summer of 1970.

Get-Acquainted Cookout To Be Given Faculty

A get-acquainted cookout for faculty and friends of Appalachian State University will be held at 5 p. m. Sunday in Conrad Stadium. They will be guests of the college.

Roy Clogston, interim athletic director, said the brief remarks will be made by Dr. Herbert Wey, new president of ASU, and by football coach Carl Messers who will introduce the staff and team.

Clogston said, "So often during the strenuous pre-season training period, the team and coaches are necessarily busy and they do not get to know the faculty members and fans in town who support them so well. This occasion will bring them closer together."

6,000 To Register

Over 6,000 students will flood the Appalachian State University campus for registration Monday and Tuesday as the institution officially opens for the fall quarter.

Expected are approximately 1,750 freshmen along with some 525 transfer students. Added to these are approximately 4,000 returning students who push the institution's total anticipated enrollment over the 6,000 mark.

Appalachian's official opening is scheduled for today (Thursday) when some 340 members of the academic staff will convene for the first faculty meeting.

Dormitories will open to freshmen and transfer students at 9 a. m. on Saturday and registration for all students begins on Monday morning.

Classes will begin at 8 a. m. Wednesday.

She has been bought by Tweetsie Railroad from Henderson Balk Enterprises of Charlotte at an undisclosed price.

The Mayview will then become the Tweetsie Grand Hotel catering to families in the summer, skiers in the winter and conventions at other times.

"Nobody wanted to see the Mayview go," said Tweetsie Vice President Harry Robbins, "but nobody could figure out how to modernize her and make her dance again. We're sure we know the answer."

"There will be no modernizing in the aesthetic sense," he said. "Instead, we'll take advantage of the era to which she and Tweetsie originally belonged. We intend to utilize a decor of the 1890s through the early 1920s and currently we're talking to two or three of the country's top decorators about the project."

Robbins said the aim is to retain some of the nostalgia for those with a sentimental attachment to the Mayview but that "there will be a new identity with a wider appeal."

Nightly entertainment will be provided in the old ballroom where a visitor now leaves footprints in a film of dust and his voice echoes through the emptiness.

"Unfortunately," Robbins said, "somebody back there did away with the old furniture and installed something like Grand Rapids modern which just doesn't fit. Initially, we'll just try to antique it. The bethtube with legs are priceless. We'll keep those."

The rambling, 138-room structure with a spectacular

view of John's River Gorge and the mountains beyond is "sound", he said, but some renovation will be required, especially to a deteriorating chestnut bark exterior and balconies.

The huge, high-ceilinged dining areas will offer family-style food service and the great stone hearths with their Daniel Boone VI andirons will blaze again as centers of after-ski parties.

"We're thinking about acquiring a double-decker view bus for shuttling parties to Tweetsie and ski slopes," Robbins said, "and maybe some limousines of the Twenties for atmosphere."

Today, though, the heated swimming pool is empty and only the ghosts of white-haired women and black-tied men walk the parlor rooms, halls and lobbies. Here and there in leather chairs are yellowed copies

of newspapers, open to the society or financial pages.

Grand pianos are covered by blankets and their keys, touched timidly, are embarrassingly out of tune. The call bell at

the desk rings to a thumping command but no bellhop replies and one wonders why a Mr. Dearmon never picked up his mail, a picture post card

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Dr. Dugger Is Named To Archives Position

Governor Bob Scott has announced the reappointment of Dr. Edward W. Phifer Jr. of Morganton and the appointment of Dr. Gordon Dugger of Chapel Hill and Watauga county to the executive board of the State Department of Archives and History.

Dr. Dugger is a son of Mr. John Dugger and the late Mrs. Dugger of Vilas.

The two men have been ap-

pointed to six year terms on the board. This will be Dr. Phifer's second term of office. Dr. Dugger succeeds Ralph P. Hanes of Winston-Salem.

Dr. Phifer is a Morganton physician. Dr. Dugger is currently chief of the department of surgery at the University of North Carolina in Chapel Hill.

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Winkler Motor Co. Sells Ford Agency

The Ford Motor Company franchise for Boone has been sold to a new concern, Johnson-Cook Ford Inc., by W. Ralph Winkler, owner of the franchise since 1942.

The sale was effective Friday, Aug. 29.

The new firm is owned by two former West Jefferson businessmen, J. Wayne Johnson and John D. Cook. Johnson is presi-

dent and Cook is vice president. They said no changes are contemplated in personnel at the agency.

The sale included parts, equipment and new cars, they said. The agency will continue in the present location with no immediate plans for a new location.

Johnson, who plans to move in October to a new home being

built in New River Heights, formerly was general manager of the West Jefferson Ford dealership, Ashe County Motors, for six years.

A native of West Jefferson, he previously was in the retail furniture business for 10 years. He was graduated from West Jefferson High School and from Cleveland Business College in

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Gigantic Community Barbecue To Honor New ASU President

Some 1,000 people are expected Thursday night for the barbecue being sponsored in Conrad Stadium at ASU by the Community-Campus Relations Committee.

The event will be held to welcome Dr. Herbert Wey, who is incoming president of Appalachian State University, as well as all new university faculty members and county school

teachers.

Invited guests are the ASU Board of Trustees and Board of Visitors, the county Board of Education, Dr. W. H. Piemmons and officials of Boone, Blowing Rock and Watauga County in addition to the honoree.

The six o'clock dinner will be moved into Varsity Gymnasium if weather dictates. Holly Farms Poultry of North Wilkesboro will

cater and special entertainment will be given by the String Party and the square dance team from Avery County High School.

The gala event, set in Conrad Stadium, is one of the mammoth projects of the CRC which is working hard to foster better understanding within the community through better communication of ideas and programs which affect all people

in the area.



NAMED PRESIDENT EMERITUS—Dr. W. H. Piemmons, by unanimous vote of the Board of Trustees, was named President Emeritus of Appalachian State University at Saturday's meeting of the trustees on the ASU campus. The late Dr. J. D. Randle, who served as Appalachian's president in 1953, is the only other person ever to hold the President Emeritus title. Gifts of appreciation from the Trustees to Dr. Piemmons included a shotgun and fishing equipment.

Another project is a large-scale "Watermelon Cutting—Band Concert—Pop Rally and Folk Sing" which will be held on the university athletic field Friday, Sept. 19. On hand will be area folk artists, the ASU Marching Band, Appalachian's Cheerleaders and a truck load of watermelons from Goodnight Brothers Produce.