

BOONE WEATHER				
1969	Hi	Lo	Prec.	Snow '68 Hi Lo
Dec. 30	53	40		41 18
Dec. 31	54	28		43 31
Jan. 1	35	25		36 30
Jan. 2	38	29		30 11
Jan. 3	31	20	tr.	34 23
Jan. 4	29	14	tr.	28 7
Dec. 5	37	17		31 9



FIRST 1970 SNOW—The new year wasn't a week old before the first "covering" snow began falling early Tuesday morning in Watauga County. It arrived from the southeast shortly after 5 a. m. and forced the closing of public schools through the county. School Supt. Dr. Swanson Richards, noting that three

school holidays already have pushed the end of school to May 19, said Tuesday's closing nudges the last day to Wednesday, May 20. Even if schools miss 10 more days, he said it would throw the last day of classes to only June 3. (Staff photo)

Banner Ski Weekend Seen

Expected heavy snows Tuesday morning in Watauga area are giving skiers hopes of a banner weekend, including the planned opening Wednesday of Sugar Mountain near Banner Elk.

George McRae, vice president of Sugar Mountain, a 3,000 acre resort halfway between

Banner Elk and Linville, expects the intermediate and novice slopes to be open Wednesday.

When fully open, the Sugar Mountain slopes can handle up to 4,000 skiers an hour. The resort had expected to open its

slopes on December 26 but mechanical problems caused a delay.

At Beech Mountain, plans are for a boom week brought on by falling snow. Last Saturday, parking lots were filled by noon. Every slope was open

except the Skydiver slope. Conditions for making snow have been ideal. Some 12,000 skiers have visited Beech since it opened December 18.

Snow machines are working steadily at Seven Devils. There's 12-15 inches of man-made snow on the intermediate slope with machines running nightly.

Hound Ears slopes went into the snow with 20 inches of man-made base and four inches of powder. Jay Little, head of the ski shop, said that the "biggest crowd in history" has visited the slope this season.

Last weekend was a banner weekend for Appalachian Ski Mountain. All winter equipment was used. A heavy base of man-made snow is giving the center its best opening season.

Jaycees To Receive Award Nominations

The Boone Jaycees are accepting nominations for the distinguished Service Award which will go to the young man, aged 21-35, who made the biggest contribution to Watauga County during 1969.

The award will be presented at the annual DSA banquet to be held Monday, Jan. 26. Anyone wishing to submit a nomination may obtain forms from Boone Drug Company, King Street Pharmacy, First National Bank or Northwestern Bank.

Joe Miller, last year's DSA winner, is chairman of this year's award. Deadline for submitting nominations is Thursday, Jan. 22. They should be mailed to Miller at Box 151, Boone.

Grover Robbins Hale And Hearty

Weekend rumors that Grover Robbins Jr., president of Carolina-Caribbean Corporation, had suffered a heart attack in Miami, Fla., proved groundless.

Kays Gary, public relations director of Carolina Caribbean, gives the Democrat the happy news that Grover has had no attack and is in his usual excellent health.



NEW LICENSE PLATES—William Marsh of Route 1, Banner Elk purchases his 1970 auto license plates at the Boone Chamber of Commerce from Mrs. Barbara Ragan. (Staff photo)

New License Plates Selling Rapidly

Sale of North Carolina license plates in Boone got off to a brisk start Friday, Jan. 2, at the Boone Chamber of Commerce office.

A total of 835 plates were sold Friday and a half a day Saturday.

Chamber Manager Fred McNeil said the sales were speeded up because most purchasers already had their registration cards filled out when they got in line. Certain information

about motorist liability is required for the back side of registration cards.

"Very few people had to drop out of line to complete the information," he said.

The offices are open all day Monday through Friday and a half a day on Saturdays.

Sale of city tags also began Friday at Boone Town Hall. The city tags are \$1 each. A total of 1,552 tags were sold last year.

First Chamber Meeting Set

The first 1970 meeting of the Boone Chamber of Commerce will be held at noon Tuesday, Jan. 13, at the Cardinal Restaurant.

Guest speaker will be Gale Henley of the public relations department at Seven Devils. He will speak on community involvement in leisure time—resort market and the participation of resorts in community affairs.

Dr. Crowley Is At Blowing Rock Medical Clinic

Dr. Richard V. Crowley has joined the medical staff of the Blowing Rock Medical Clinic, it was announced by Dr. Charles Davant Jr., medical director of the Blowing Rock Hospital, incorporated.

Dr. Crowley completed his undergraduate studies at the University of the South, Seawane, Tenn., and is a graduate of the Emory University School of Medicine where he received his medical degree in 1965. He completed his internship at the Medical Center of Columbus, Ga., in 1966.

For the next two years, he served as a flight surgeon in the U. S. Army. During the last 16 months he has been engaged in the general practice of medicine in Reidsville.

Dr. Crowley is married to the former Inez Hare. They have two children, ages 3 and 4. They recently purchased a home in Blowing Rock.

Closing Of Bastille Not Seen New Jail Is Proposed To Watauga Officials

Avery County Prisoners Not To Be Taken In

A State jail official told the Watauga County Commissioners Monday that a new jail should be built here, cited the improvements which have been made since last March and said he didn't anticipate State action to close the local prison.

Woodburn Williams, chief of the jail and detention services of the State Department of Social Services, told the board that the department has consistently recommended a new jail for Watauga County.

Williams and two assistants appeared before the board in response to an inquiry the board had written last month to the jail inspector's office. The board sought counsel on what can be done to improve the jail in an effort to meet new state standards.

The county jail was ruled substandard last March by a state inspection team.

And the review by Williams and his staff prompted the commissioners and Sheriff Ward Carroll to agree that Watauga should not routinely accept prisoners from Avery County where the jail has been ordered closed by the North Carolina Department of Social Services.

Williams told the board, "Our recommendation is that you build a new jail."

He added, "I don't anticipate the commissioner taking any action to close the Watauga County jail up here."

Williams said that improvements made by the board in the jail since the March 1969 inspection indicated the board is trying to improve the jail. Williams' visit, though requested by the Watauga board, followed closely the order last week by Social Services Commissioner Clifton Craig that closed jails in Avery, Davie

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Weather Data To Be Given To News Media

A new daily ski and weather report for news media has been started by the Boone Chamber of Commerce, headquarters of the Snow Carnival of the South located in the Boone Chamber of Commerce building.

Information from all local slopes is compiled by the office and relayed to television stations WBT-TV in Charlotte and to WSJU-TV. These Stations use the information for daily broadcasts.

Also, the Snow Carnival secretary, Mrs. Patsy Brown compiles a daily operating chart of skiing conditions and of all area ski facilities. This information is supplied news media and tourists visiting the chamber office.

Christmas Mail Volume Goes Up

Christmas mail volume for 1969 at the Boone Post Office took a 13 per cent jump over 1968 business.

Postmaster Ralph Beshears reported a total of 274,000 letter cancellations for December, 1969. This is a jump of 33,000 cancellations over the same period in 1968.

Actual revenues reflect the same percentage of increase, Beshears said. For the accounting period of the 5 1/2 months since July 1, 1969, the office's revenues amounted to \$106,845.78. For the same period of



HERB WEY ON SKIS—With the help of the mayors of the county's two municipalities, an ex-Floridian (turned president) took to the local slopes last week. The picture was snapped Saturday morning when Blowing Rock Mayor Bob Hardin (left) and Boone Mayor Gordon Winkler instilled ASU president Herbert Wey with a little advice about skiing. A sports enthusiast, Dr. Wey is very excited about the impact skiing is having on the region.

Mrs. Templeton Heads Watauga Co. Heart Unit

Mrs. Phyllis Templeton of Stadium Drive, Boone, has been named president of the Watauga County Heart Unit.

Mrs. Templeton is the wife of Phil Templeton and the mother of two children, Ann

Marie, 6; and Jeffrey, 2. Serving as president of the Watauga Heart Unit in 1969, she received the Founders' Award from the North Carolina Heart Association for outstanding service to the heart cause for last year.

As the local organization of the North Carolina and American Heart Association, the Watauga County Heart Unit provides public information on heart disease, informs local doctors, nurses and other health workers of advances in the treatment of heart disease and operates community-wide programs to prevent heart disease or assist victims and their families.

The Watauga County Heart Unit also leads the annual Heart Fund drive to support local programs and those of the state and national organizations. Mrs. Templeton reports that plans for the 1970 campaign to be conducted in February are now being drawn.

A major Heart Association goal, support of research to eliminate disease of the heart and blood vessels will receive direct benefit from the local group, President Templeton said.

Since 1948 the American Heart Association has spent more than \$135 million on heart research. The state and national associations have invested more than \$3 million in research projects at North Carolina's three major heart research centers, UNC, Duke and Bowman Gray Schools of Medicine.

Forty-four scientists in North Carolina are now receiving Heart Association support for research on cardiovascular disease.

Art Exhibit Slated At Student Center

The Fine Arts Committee of the Student Center is sponsoring another Art Exhibit in the Skylight Lounge of the Student Center January 5-21.

The public is invited. The New England inspired watercolors of Leslie Powell completely capture the spirit and excitement of this region of the United States, sailboats, lighthouses, fishermen and their boats, the docks and coastal scenes and landscape are his subjects. The locales range through the historical and still picturesque towns along the coast such as Privincetown, Gloucester, Boothbay Harbor, Marblehead and to the rugged island of Monhegan.

Mr. Powell studied at Oklahoma University, Chicago Academy of Fine Arts, Art Students League and received his B. A. and M. A. from Columbia University. His prize-winning paintings have been exhibited throughout the U. S. and Canada in group shows and in over 100 one-man exhibitions. Among the institutions that have

shown his work are the Metropolitan Museum of Art, Museum of Modern Art, Delgado Museum, New Orleans; Corcoran Gallery, Washington, D. C. and Legion of Honor, San Francisco.

Hearing Set For Tuesday In Death Case

Preliminary hearing for Willie McBride Jr., charged with the murder of Mrs. Pauline Turner on Saturday night, Nov. 29, was scheduled for Tuesday afternoon, Jan. 6, in Watauga District Court.

McBride has been held in Watauga jail without privilege of bond since he was arrested on November 30.

The hearing was scheduled before District Judge J. Ray Braswell of Montezuma.

If probable cause is found McBride will be bound over to Watauga Superior Court. The next term of the higher court begins Monday, Jan. 19.

Mrs. Turner was stabbed to death sometime during the night of November 29. Her body was found in a coal bin behind her house on North Street.

McBride was arrested a short time later.

Adult Education Course Starts Monday

Eight adult education courses will begin Monday, Jan. 12, at Watauga High School.

They are: Driver education, shorthand, typing, woodworking, brick laying, mechanical drawing and drafting, surveying and auto mechanics.

The classes will meet on Monday and Thursday nights. For further information, phone 264-2407 day or 264-8047 night.



MRS. TEMPLETON

New River Valley Group Meets Monday

The New River Valley Development Association will meet Monday, Jan. 12, at 7 p. m. in Alleghany County. It will be the group's first meeting in 1970. Location of the meeting will be announced later.