

Leading agricultural and tourist area. Livestock, dairying and truck farming of paramount importance. Blue Ridge Parkway traverses county, and touches Blowing Rock, one of the principal Summer resorts of Eastern America.

WATAUGA DEMOCRAT

An Independent Weekly Newspaper—Established in the Year 1888

BOONE The educational center of Western North Carolina. Home of Appalachian State Teachers College, which attracts hundreds of students annually from all parts of the nation. Modern business district a good place to live.

KING STREET BY ROB RIVERS

NATIONAL SMILE WEEK is now in progress, and for the benefit of those who are not keeping up with these observances, which somehow manage to eternally overlap, due to the limitations of a calendar pad, it is observed that until the end of the current week, one is supposed to smile under all conditions and circumstances...



ONE SHARP CALL FOR HELP... To answer the plea for food and shelter seen in the eyes of these European refugees, the Church World Service is sponsoring its "One Great Hour of Sharing" campaign.

Watauga 4-H'ers Review Work

IVY WILSON AGAIN ELECTED CHAIRMAN BY COUNTY G. O. P.

Boone Business Man Chosen At Convention; Earl Cook Remains as Secretary.

Ivy B. Wilson, Boone merchant, was re-elected chairman of the Republican Executive Committee at the county convention held in the courthouse Saturday afternoon.



IVY B. WILSON

Edmisten Gets Census Position

D. M. Edmisten of Boone has been named crew leader for Watauga county for the national census to be taken this spring.

Stony Fork Gets 4-H Club Quota

Stony Fork is the second 4-H club to reach its goal in raising funds for the new 4-H club camp near Waynesville.

District Meet Legion Is Held

The District Legion meeting of Miller-Wagner Post 352 was held at Deep Gap School building Friday night, February 24.

March Of Dimes Report Is Made

The 1950 March of Dimes campaign in Watauga county, resulted in the collection of \$2,316.75, according to Mr. Jim Taylor, chairman of the effort.

Ministers Laud Church Feature

The Boone Ministerial Association has handed the following letter to the Democrat in appreciation of the church page, which is being featured weekly in the local newspaper.

C. of C. Meeting At Blowing Rock

The Asheville Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring an area meeting of such organizations to be held at the Watauga Inn, Blowing Rock, on March 14.

Floyd Ward Dead

Mr. Floyd C. Ward, native of Watauga county, and for many years a resident of Elizabethton, Tenn., where he was a prominent figure in the business and civic life of the community, died in a Winston-Salem hospital Tuesday, it has been learned here.

CORN GROWERS OF COUNTY TO HEAR EXPERTS GIVE ADVICE

Recommendations on Varieties, Fertilizer and Cultivation Will Be Given; Movies To Be Shown; Schedule of Meetings Is Listed.

Meetings on corn production will be held in the county giving recommendations on varieties, fertilizer and cultivation, according to an announcement from the county agent's office.

Williams Here For Soil Service

D. F. Greene, chairman of the Watauga Soil Conservation District, announced this week that the Soil Conservation Service has assigned Howard Williams to work in the county.

Coach Watkins at Recreation Meeting

Coach R. W. Watkins attended the recent meeting of the North Carolina recreation commission, held in Raleigh.

Talent Festival Slated for Friday

The Spring Talent Festival of the Appalachian High School will be held Friday night at 7:30 o'clock in the auditorium.

BLOWING ROCK CAGERS TAKE HONORS IN AREA TOURNAMENT

Virginia-Carolina's girls and Blowing Rock boys repeated as champions in the annual Tri-County cage tourney here last Saturday night as the C.-C. girls defeated Fleetwood, 49-32, and Blowing Rock boys scored a mild upset in downing Appalachian High, 34-32, in a thriller.

Freshman Class Names Committees

The officers of the Freshman class, which were recently elected, met last Monday to appoint various committees and to initiate the organization of the executive committee.



Mrs. Hagan Is First Nominee

Mrs. Mickie McGuire Hagan is the first person nominated in the county campaign being conducted by the Merchants Association.

Red Cross Roll Call Is Started

The 1950 Red Cross roll call campaign gets under way in Boone this (Wednesday) morning in an effort to raise \$1,553 as Watauga county's share of the budget for the organization during the coming year.

Commerce Group To Meet Tuesday

Stanley A. Harris, secretary of the Boone Chamber of Commerce, announced this week that the regular monthly meeting of the Chamber will be held Tuesday, March 14, at the Skyline Restaurant.

Coal Industry Facing Bitter Battle Against Oil and Gas

The coal industry is facing a bitter battle against oil and gas. The coal industry is facing a bitter battle against oil and gas. The coal industry is facing a bitter battle against oil and gas.

REDDEN ASKS HUGE SUM FOR PARKWAY AND ROAD PROJECT

North Carolina Solon To Push Action on Bill Asking \$12,800,000 for Parkway Construction, for Other Roads and Trailways in Smoky Mountain Area.

Washington—Rep. Redden (D., N. C.) will press a joint House committee to approve authorization of expenditure of \$12,800,000 for the Blue Ridge Parkway and additional money for roads and trailways in the Great Smoky Mountains National Park.

Redden, a member of a Public Lands subcommittee, told a reporter this week this group is to meet March 22 with the House Public Works Committee to start work on public roads legislation.

The proposed legislation would amend the Federal-Aid Road Act to authorize \$500,000,000 for the year ending June 30, 1942, and the same amount for the year ending June 30, 1953.

Redden said the \$12,800,000 he wants for the Blue Ridge Parkway would complete it except for a stretch in the Roanoke, Va., area, which would be by-passed at this time because of the great cost of building roads in the mountain territory and because there are nearby State and Federal roads which could be used by travelers on the Parkway.

The trailways mentioned for possible authorization in the big road bill would be for horseback riders and hiking—not for vehicles. Redden said improvements expected to be suggested for the Park also would include sections of road going through the Cherokee Village into the Smokies.

Coach Watkins at Recreation Meeting

Coach R. W. Watkins attended the recent meeting of the North Carolina recreation commission, held in Raleigh.

Talent Festival Slated for Friday

The Spring Talent Festival of the Appalachian High School will be held Friday night at 7:30 o'clock in the auditorium.

BLOWING ROCK CAGERS TAKE HONORS IN AREA TOURNAMENT

Virginia-Carolina's girls and Blowing Rock boys repeated as champions in the annual Tri-County cage tourney here last Saturday night as the C.-C. girls defeated Fleetwood, 49-32, and Blowing Rock boys scored a mild upset in downing Appalachian High, 34-32, in a thriller.

Freshman Class Names Committees

The officers of the Freshman class, which were recently elected, met last Monday to appoint various committees and to initiate the organization of the executive committee.