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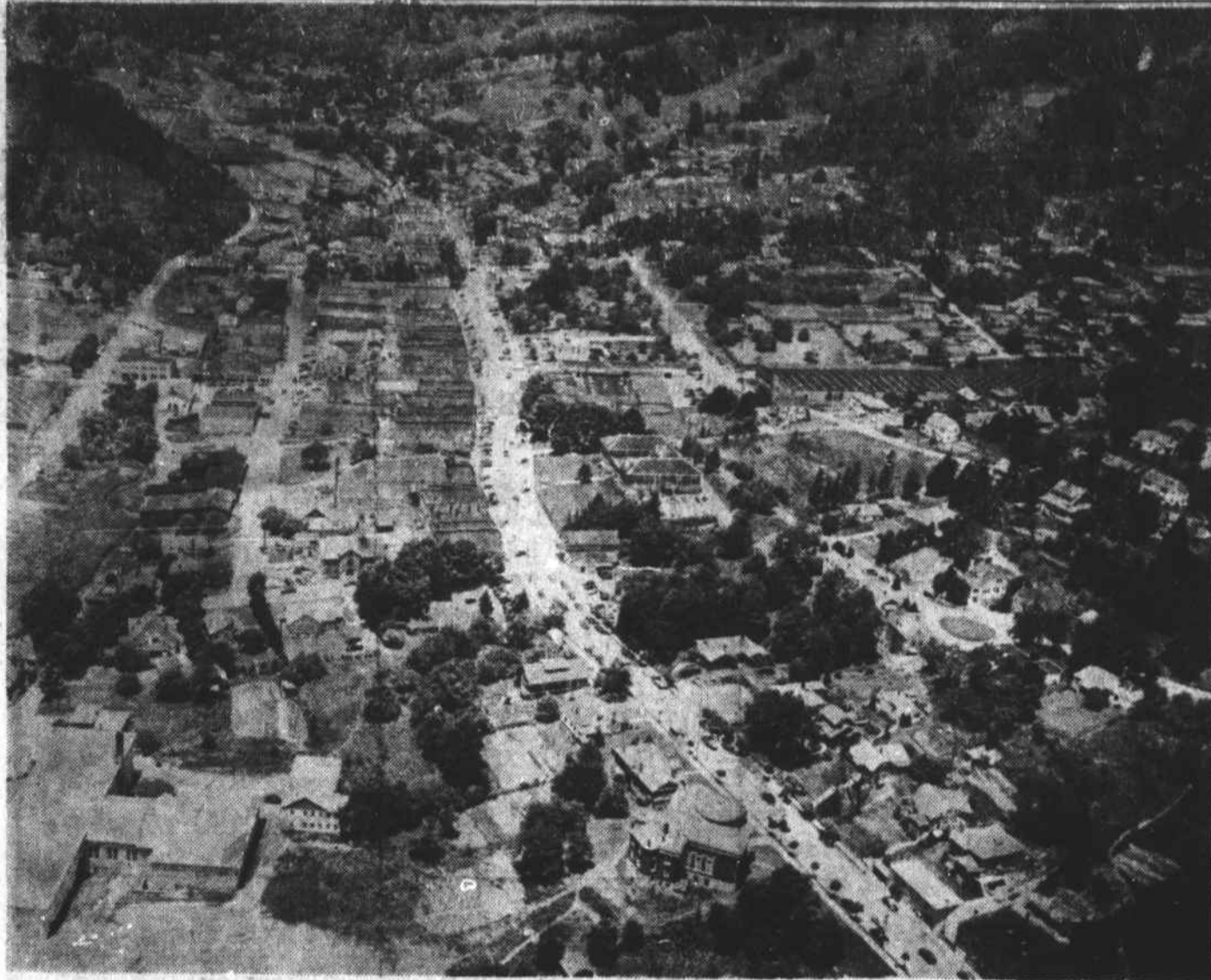
BOONE
The educational center of Western North Carolina. Home of Appalachian State Teachers College, which attracts hundreds of students annually from all parts of the nation. Modern business district. A good place to live.

WATAUGA COUNTY
Leading agricultural and tourist area. Livestock, dairying and truck farming of paramount importance. Blue Ridge Parkway traverses county, road through Blowing Rock, one of the principal summer resorts of Western America.

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BOONE, WATAUGA COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA, THURSDAY, JULY 13, 1950

FIVE CENTS



KING STREET FROM THE AIR—The tremendous growth of Boone within recent years is clearly evidenced by the above aerial photo showing the King Street business section, looking west from the Methodist Church, immediately in the foreground. Census reports show that Boone's of-

ficial population count for 1950 of 2,912 inhabitants is an increase of 62%, or 1,124 people, over the 1940 tabulation. Only one other county seat, Albemarle, exceeded this gain in the entire 9th Congressional District.—Aerial Photo by Palmer Blair, Palmer's Photo Shop.

ASTC SUMMER GRADUATES TO TOTAL 39 FOR FIRST PERIOD

Masters Candidates Exceed Undergraduates Aspirants For Term Ending July 15; Four Watauga Students Are Listed in Group.

A total of 39 students presently enrolled in the Appalachian summer school are expected to complete requirements for degrees at the end of the first term, ending July 15, according to Registrar Herman Eggers.

Boone residents included in this group are Mrs. Robert Broome, Mrs. Mary Moss Mast, and Mr. Samuel Moir.

Contrary to normal graduation statistics, the number of M. A. candidates exceeds by one the number of applicants for the B. S. degree, the totals being 20 and 19, respectively.

Degrees will not be conferred at the end of the first term; instead the graduates will return August 24 to join second term graduates for commencement exercises.

Following is the complete list (Continued on page ten)

"Echoes" Group Expresses Thanks

The Executive Committee of "Echoes of the Blue Ridge, Inc., met Thursday, July 6, voted unanimous approval of the recent pageant showing, expressed appreciation to all participants, and especially commended the work of director Pat Alderman.

"Financially," states the committee report, "it would appear that the Echoes of the Blue Ridge will be able to pay all the accounts, but as all the bills were not in, and as the tax has not been figured, it was impossible to be sure just what the financial statement will reveal."

The committee emphasized the non-profit basis on which the production was organized and directed and paid tribute to the value of the production as an advertising medium for Boone and Watauga County.

"No officer of the association received any payment for his work, but they gave freely of their time and talents. Some of them drove their automobiles many miles without any compensation, even for gas. The officers as well as those who took part in the pageant were happy to do what they could in order to let more people know about the attractions of Boone and to bring the largest possible number of people here even for a limited period.

Local Draft Board Is Ready To Supply Men



MR. SMITH



MRS. SMITH

—Photo Palmer's Studio

Smiths Given Baptist Posts

W. A. Smith, Watauga county farm management supervisor, was last week appointed superintendent of Kennedy Home at Kinross by the board of trustees of the Baptist Orphanage, according to board president, Dr. I. G. Greer.

Mr. Smith succeeds the Rev. W. C. Reed, who will become general superintendent of the orphanage, replacing Dr. Zeno Wall, who has resigned, effective August 20. Mrs. Smith will serve as administrative assistant to her husband at Kennedy Home.

A graduate of the University of Furman and also an alumnus of Appalachian State Teachers College and Wofford College, Mr. Smith has been farm management supervisor in Watauga county for 11 years, working under the Farmers Home Administration of the U. S. Department of Agriculture. From 1929 to 1938 he was a teacher, athletic director, and assistant superintendent of Alexander School at Union.

Mrs. Smith, a native of Rowan county, was public health nurse in Watauga county from 1941 to 1945, and in September, 1948, returned to that office. Both Mr. and Mrs. Smith were present for a luncheon with the board of trustees last week.

Miss Hodges Is Most Courteous

Miss Winnie Hodges of Hunt's Department Store was awarded the "Most Courteous Clerk" certificate at the annual meeting of the Merchants Association, held Tuesday night, July 11, and is now entitled to a \$10.00 award either from Newton's Department Store or Stallings Jewelry Company.

Miss Hodges scored 1488 points out of a possible 1500, as determined by the courtesy committee of the Association. She was closely followed by Ethel Teams, Boone Drug Co., with 1450 points; Mildred Tugman, Bare's Department Store, with 1440 points; Anna Mae Hodges, Belk's Department Store, with 1436 points; and Colleen Bolick, Stallings Jewelry Company, with 1416 points.

The award for July will be given by Belk's Department Store, previous winners not being eligible during this month.

Soviet not accused U. S. of dropping potato bugs in Germany.

Joe Todd, Paul Coffey and Howard Cottrell Members of Watauga Draft Board, Which Has Been Alerted in Face of Shooting War.

The Watauga County Draft Board stands ready to go into immediate action in compliance with the new Selective Service provisions when that act becomes effective, according to local officials.

No office has yet been established to handle possible local draftees, but the machinery for such an emergency could be set swiftly in motion should orders be received to that effect, according to board members Howard Cottrell, Joe Todd, and Paul Coffey.

Following is an analysis of the new Selective Service Act approved by President Truman:

1. Every youth must register with his local draft board, or a place designated by it, within five days after reaching his eighteenth birthday. But he can't be drafted until he's nineteen.
2. Every youth between nineteen and twenty-six—and all between those ages must be registered—can be drafted into the armed forces for 21 months' service, unless deferred or exempted for one reason or another.

Some To Be Exempted

Some will be exempted from the draft because they are:

1. Ministers and students studying for the ministry.
2. Physically, mentally and morally unfit.
3. Aliens who have not declared themselves interested in becoming citizens.
4. State Governors or others elected by the people of an entire State; members of Congress and State Legislatures; State and Federal judges.
5. Sole surviving sons of families which lost one or more members due to service in the Armed Forces.

6. Conscientious objectors who say, because of their religious beliefs, they can't perform any kind of military service, combat or noncombat. They will have to prove this to the draft board's satisfaction.

Some Vets Exempted

7. Youths now in the Armed Forces. Since they're already in military service, they can't very well be drafted for military service.
8. War veterans who served in the Armed Forces at least 90 days between December 7, 1941, and September 12, 1945.
9. Service veterans who served 12 months between September 16, 1940, and June 24, 1948, when this draft law first went into effect.

In addition, anyone reaching twenty-six is exempt from the draft since only those under

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T. L. Mast, 70, Dies Sunday

Tarleton Lafayette ("Dock") Mast, 70 years old, pioneer merchant, and member of one of Watauga's most prominent families, died at the home at Lovell Sunday evening, following a long illness.

Funeral services were conducted Tuesday at 2 o'clock from the Brushy Fork Baptist Church. Rev. Harold Songer was in charge of the rites and was assisted by Rev. A. C. Moody and Rev. Smith Hayes. Burial was in the Mast cemetery.

The widow, Mrs. Effie Harbin Mast, and four daughters survive: Mrs. Tom Moody, Sugar Grove; Mrs. Gilbert Ward, Mrs. Albert Bingham, Boone; Mrs. Eileen Moretz, Vilas. There are six brothers and three sisters: W. W. Mast, Valle Crucis; Lee Mast, Sherwood; Clyde Mast, Sugar Grove; J. R. Mast, Lenoir; Grady Mast, Elizabethton, Tenn.; Fred Mast, Kellogg, Idaho; Mrs. Rosa Sherwood, Detroit, Mich.; Boone Drug Co., with 1450 points; Mildred Tugman, Bare's Department Store, with 1440 points; Anna Mae Hodges, Belk's Department Store, with 1436 points; and Colleen Bolick, Stallings Jewelry Company, with 1416 points.

Mr. Mast was reared in Watauga county, and was a retired general merchant. Practically his entire adult life had been spent in the mercantile business, ill health having brought about his retirement some years ago. Mr. Mast was one of the county's most public spirited men, and had contributed generously to educational and religious activities, having served for many years on the school board.

KING STREET BY ROB RIVERS

THE UNEASY PEACE which the country has been enjoying for the past five years, was replaced by shooting war in far-off Korea, as the folks along King Street and thousands of other main streets, on the farms, and in the big cities wonder whether or not the opening guns have actually been fired in a third world war. . . . Draft boards get set for prompt action, and veterans ponder their chances. . . . One fellow who was in the thick of foreign military operations during the last war, says he's not so hot on the subject, but of course will be in there pitching, if necessary. . . . "But," says he, "would like to be mustered out just behind some of those who managed to escape the last one. . . . those who ate soap, and conjured up all sorts of ailments. . . . one war should be enough for one man." . . . Another lad says he's just plumb ready, and adds this angle: "Fact is, the radio, the press, the politicians, and the folks generally, have been telling me for so long that we're bound to go to the bat with Russia, that I sort of came to depend on the thing. . . . If no war should have popped up, I would have been rather disappointed." . . . Another, a little old for the draft, says he's specializing on hoarding food supplies, another sees glowing opportunities for making more money, while just the average home-front individual is grieving about the gory prospects, and is saddened by the thought that civilization hasn't progressed too much since the stone age period. . . . the battle club lashed to the end of a handle with a thong, the spears and the long bows, have given way to guns and tanks, and planes and atom bombs, but folks are still killing and maiming and pillaging. . . . and no man has proven himself wise enough to produce an effective formula for world peace."

INFORMATION is that there is enough food to supply the nation, even if it becomes engaged in another global war that there should be enough goods of all sorts to supply the people, while the bombs are bursting, provided they don't go into extensive hoarding. . . . No more unpatriotic act can be committed than to store huge quantities of unneeded essentials, so that others may be disatisfied. . . . We hope that Watauga folks will take things easy, buy normally, and thus contribute to the welfare of themselves, their neighbors and their country.

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MRS. WINEBARGER

—Photo Palmer's Studio

Mrs. Winebarger Is Given Honor

At the close of the 47th annual convention of the North Carolina Rural Letter Carriers' Association and the 26th for the ladies' auxiliary held last week in Hickory, Mrs. R. Clyde Winebarger of Boone was elected president of the state auxiliary. Mrs. Winebarger served on the state board for five years, the last two as vice-president.

By virtue of her office, Mrs. Winebarger will be the delegate-at-large from North Carolina at the national convention to be held in Spokane, Washington, August 15-18, where she will also be the song leader and will sing "The Lord's Prayer" for the home-front individual is grieving about the gory prospects, and is saddened by the thought that civilization hasn't progressed too much since the stone age period. . . . the battle club lashed to the end of a handle with a thong, the spears and the long bows, have given way to guns and tanks, and planes and atom bombs, but folks are still killing and maiming and pillaging. . . . and no man has proven himself wise enough to produce an effective formula for world peace."

Dr. Morris Lazaron Be Guest Minister

Dr. Morris S. Lazaron, of New York City, will be the guest minister at the Blowing Rock Methodist Church Sunday morning, July 16, at 11 o'clock.

Dr. Lazaron is a widely known author, lecturer, and educator, and has a host of friends and admirers in Blowing Rock where he has a summer home.

Leon Keyserling sees U. S. living standards rise 25 per cent.

Telephone Book Index To Rapid Growth Boone

Seven Hundred and Fifty New Directories Being Distributed in City.

Indicative of the growth of Boone and surrounding communities is the increase in the number of telephone directories now being distributed to local telephone subscribers.

Approximately 750 new directories are being delivered to homes and businesses, according to H. M. Inabinet, manager for Southern Bell Telephone Company, compared with 675 when the last directory was delivered.

The new telephone directory contains many new and changed listings and other helpful telephone information and is easily distinguishable from the old gray-covered telephone book by its green cover. A sufficient quantity of the new directories has been printed to supply every telephone subscriber and to allow for future telephone expansion.

Mr. Inabinet requests that the old directory be discarded and that the new directory be referred to when telephone numbers are desired. Looking up the desired numbers helps to avoid the possibility of getting wrong numbers and saves time for both the calling and called parties. "Information" should be called only when the number you are seeking is not listed in the directory.

Hospital Shower At Blowing Rock

The Blowing Rock Hospital Auxiliary will hold a hospital shower on the Sudderth lawn there Saturday from 10 a. m. to 5 p. m. for the purpose of accepting gifts for the local clinic.

Mrs. Sara Payne and Mrs. Wade Klutz, president and secretary respectively of the auxiliary, have announced that many items of supply and equipment are needed. They emphasized that gifts need not be new so long as they are usable. Cash donations will be welcome from persons not having goods to turn in.

Following items are listed as badly needed: bed linens, towels and cloths, napkins, dresser scarves, chairs, pillows, curtains, tables, flashlights and candles, Bibles, water glasses, night gowns, bed jackets, bells, blankets, ash trays, desk pens, wall pictures, pots, pans, silver, and jams and jellies.

The Blowing Rock Hospital, built and equipped by gifts from many different individuals, has

Winners In Pet Show Are Given

Winners in the Blowing Rock Field Day gymkhana and pet show have been announced by Lloyd M. Tate, chairman of the events.

In the most unusual group, James W. Cannon won first place with his white duck; Sandra Pennell second with her pig; and Joe Tester third with his pup. Hoyle and Perry Coffey, twins, won first place in the cutest class with their twin pups; Bunky Davant took second with his pony and cart; and Mary Jane Carter won third place with her Confederate-dressed Spaniel. Marsha Fennell won first prize

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CORONATION PRINCIPALS—Rebecca Moore, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. K. Moore, shows that even royalty can occasionally relax. She smiles happily as Charles Justice adjusts the crown officially proclaiming her "Echoes of the Blue Ridge Queen." The crowning took place at the Coronation Ball held July 3, in the ASTC gymnasium.

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