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WATAUGA COUNTY
1950 POPULATION 12,295
Leading agricultural and tourist area.
Livestock, dairying and truck farming
of paramount importance. Blue Ridge
Parkway traverses county and reaches
Blowing Rock, one of the principal
summer resorts of Eastern America.

BOONE
1950 POPULATION 2,964
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 busi-
ness district. A good place to live.

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KING STREET

BY
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FOLKS MOVING FROM CITY at close of college session have chairs sitting along the street which are being occupied by pedestrians as heavier pieces of furniture are loaded, again emphasizing the need for more benches along the streets . . . Frost reported in some sections of the county the last of the week, but "everything's so dry, doubt /hat the fruit's hurt" . . . not many vegetable gardens far enough along to be damaged by a late frost . . . More and more visitors being noted on the streets as springtime comes to the mountains to make way for vacationists . . . Oscar L. Coffey, former Clerk of the Superior Court, presently county accountant, always smiles as he moves about the town, suggesting that his thoughts run to the pleasant side . . . "When something starts to bother me," Mr. Coffey says, "I go to singing or whistling, and first thing you know everything's all right." . . . He's learned more about living than most folks.

'SINCERE SYMPATHY goes to the family of Bruce Angel, one of our neighbors, who expired Sunday . . . Personable, generous and kind, Bruce was held in high regard by the people of Boone, who shed a collective tear at his passing . . . A veteran of the last World war, during which time he flew 56 missions against the Japs as a Navy air corps officer, he did a full share for his people and his country, and we are mighty sorry he was called away from the land, he loved so deeply, and for which he fought so valiantly . . . The freedoms we enjoy today were paid for by Bruce Angel, and the other youngsters who beat down the totalitarian assaults . . . We pay simple but sincere tribute to his memory today.

JOHN HAMPTON who did a big part in providing a television set for pretty little Emma Lou Dollars of Deep Gap, who is confined to a wheel chair with polio, says that there still remains to be secured the sum of \$59.25 to pay for the set, which the afflicted child is enjoying so immensely . . . It occurs to John that among the Democrat's large family of readers there should be some who would chip in this relatively small amount . . . If so, please leave your contributions at the Democrat office. There is no better cause . . . The missus was down the country one day, and told us of having secured a parking ticket in a neighboring town . . . She carried the thing down to pay it, and the desk sergeant smiled patronizingly when he learned she was from out of town . . . He allowed as how strangers in the city were not required to pay . . . Just come again . . . We argued the system was wrong, we rather think it's wrong here there or anywhere to penalize the folks who build the sidewalks and the streets, and who pay the bills for municipal government to be discriminated against in the matter of parking meters . . . With the highest regard for the strangers within the gate, we submit that in the case of taxes or service fees, as the case may be, there should be equality before the law . . . In glancing over a well autographed copy of the Appalachian High School year book, which incidentally is a good job, and reflects credit on those responsible as well as on the institution, we note that the volume is dedicated to Mrs. Frances Teams Greene, competent Secretary to Principal Wey . . . Mrs. Greene is one of the main stays in the operation of the institution, and the graduates pay deserved tribute to her loyalty and helpfulness in giving her this fitting recognition . . . From a parent's point of view Mrs. Greene runs pretty close to the indispensable in her contribution to Appalachian High . . . She cheerfully attends to hundreds of details between parents and students, is mutually helpful, and seems to contribute a big share to Dr. Wey's magnificent handling of the local institution.

'SQUIRE EDWIN N. HAHN chats with friends about the town . . . Boone's former Mayor, Mr. Hahn engineered the first widening of King Street (Continued on page four)



TO GO TO CHICAGO.—Shown above are the two youths who will represent North Carolina in the National 4-H Club Sheep Shearing Contest at Chicago next fall. They are Walter Jones, left, of Stratford, Alleghany County, and Vance Vines of Sugar Grove, Watauga County. Jones and Vines emerged as top winners in a State elimination contest at Laurel Springs in April. L. R. Harrill, State 4-H Club leader at State College, said the Tar Heel representatives will be competing at Chicago for college scholarships valued at \$600. Watauga County boys have won the National Contest the last two years, Clint Reese of Reese winning in 1949, and Bob Wilson, Sugar Grove, winning last year.

Recreation Funds To Be Sought; Meter Money Diversion Is Out

District Home Clubs To Meet In Boone Tuesday

Final plans are being made for the meeting of the Home Demonstration Clubs of the Fifth District to hold their annual meeting here in Boone on Tuesday, May 22nd, at the auditorium of Appalachian State Teachers College. The Fifth District is composed of clubs in Alleghany, Ashe, Avery and Watauga counties.

Mrs. Paul Perkins of Ashe county will preside over the meeting and Mrs. A. E. Vannoy of the Hodges Gap Club in Watauga county is the secretary of this district. The principal address will be given by Mrs. T. S. Moxley of Alleghany county who was one of the state representatives to the International meeting of the Associated Country Women of the World, which was held in Copenhagen, Denmark last fall. Mrs. Moxley will use

colored slides to illustrate her talk.

Mrs. A. E. Vannoy of this county represented this district at the meeting of the National Home Demonstration Councils held in Biloxi, Mississippi last October. She will also give a report on her trip.

Miss Ruth Current, State home agent, will also be present and bring greetings to the group. It is also expected that Miss Nell Kennett, Western district agent; Miss Anamerle Arant, North-western district agent; and Miss Verna Stanton, assistant State home agent, will be present for the meeting.

The meeting will begin at ten-thirty and will end at approximately three-thirty. It is hoped that a large number of women from this county will be present for this meeting.

Chamber Commerce In Plea For More Tobacco

Recognizing the great loss suffered by the farmers of Watauga county, due to their failure to plant their full allotment of burley tobacco, the Chamber of Commerce has sent out a letter to the planters urging them to raise more burley this year.

Last year, it is said, the farmers raised less than 80% of their allotted acreage, and it is deduced that if the other 20% had been planted the farmers would have had \$160,000 more money.

The letter, signed by the secretary, president of the Chamber of Commerce, with members of the agricultural committee, continues:

"Do you realize that tobacco sold on the Boone market last year averaged about \$750 per acre? But that the better farmers made as much as \$1200 per acre? The average production per acre last year was 1520 pounds but there is no question that with adequate care in planting, fertilizing and cultivating, we could produce an average of 2,000 pounds per acre.

"There is every indication that

tobacco will sell higher this year than last. We will not be surprised if it averages 55c. If the entire allotment is planted and we get a 2,000 pound average, this would mean \$1,200,000 for the farmers of Watauga County.

"Don't be one of those who fails to plant your entire allotment. The Chamber of Commerce is anxious to help you in any way we can. We already have contracts for several thousand tobacco plants and we have some men in Tennessee looking up plants which can be bought, so if you need plants, let us know.

"If you need barn space, it is possible we can help you with that and if you need someone to tend your tobacco land, we might be able to locate a tenant for you.

"Let's all work together to get all of that 1,063 acre allotment planted and let's cultivate it right; fertilize it right; cure it right, and most important of all, grade it right, and we'll get that million, two-hundred thousand dollars and maybe more."

Pritchett Speaks At Elkland School

Mr. Leo K. Pritchett, of the department of history, Appalachian State Teachers College, will deliver the address at the graduation exercises to be held at the Elkland High School May 25, it is announced by James J. Miller, Principal.

The first patent for a machine to pick cotton was granted in 1850.

I. G. Greer Speaks At Linville Event

Dr. I. G. Greer of Chapel Hill, native Watauga, will be the principal speaker at the annual "singing on the mountain," to be held on the slopes of the Grandfather near Linville June 24, it is learned from Mr. J. L. Hartley, originator and chairman of the event.

Further details of the singing will be made public when the complete program is released.

Popular Election Only Way to Use City Meter Funds

At a joint meeting of the Board of Directors and the enlarged Recreation Committee of the Chamber of Commerce, a frank facing was made of the fact that plans for funds for the recreational program through parking meter income had been abandoned in light of a court ruling elsewhere that such use of parking meter funds requires a popular election.

Since such an election would be impractical for benefit for this season, it was determined that funds for the summer program would have to be raised through solicitations. President Herman Wilcox appointed a Finance Committee to head a local drive to be held as soon as plans are complete to consist of Leo Pritchett, chairman, Clyde R. Greene, Alfred Adams, treasurer, Bob Agle and Bill Murray.

Chairman of the Recreation Committee Joe Shackford estimated that a minimum of \$500 for equipment would be needed and additional funds for any paid direction of the program. Broken down, the equipment cost was indicated in the following areas: pre-school playground (fence, sand boxes and equipment) \$200;

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Cancer Society Gives Thanks

The executive committee of the Cancer Society wishes to express appreciation to the people of Watauga County for the donations given during the Cancer campaign.

Much literature was distributed and many people were informed about the Cancer Crusade.

Special recognition was given by the committee to the following for the work they did this year: Miss Madeline McCain, Mrs. H. W. Wilcox, Dr. O. K. Richardson, Leonard Eury, Mrs. Leo Pritchett, Mrs. Connie M. Phillips, Mrs. Grace Mast, Miss Moretz, Paul Winkler, Mrs. F. W. McCracken, Mrs. Clyde Wilson, Mrs. Eugene Bates, Mrs. J. D. Shoemaker, Woodrow Greene and S. C. Eggers, Jr., Mrs. Grace Beach.

Without your interest and help this campaign could not have been successful, the committee pointed out.

Box Supper

The Green Valley PTA will sponsor a box supper at the Green Valley School on Saturday night, May 19, at 8:00. There will be cake walks, and other contests. Everybody come and bring your friends! Proceeds to be used for the lunch room in the new school.

Bruce Angel, 28, Former Merchant, Succumbs Sunday

Mr. Bruce Angel, 28, former Boone merchant and veteran of the last world war, died at Watauga Hospital Sunday, following a few days' illness.

Funeral services were conducted at the Boone Baptist Church Tuesday at 2:30 by the pastor, Dr. W. G. Bond, who was assisted in the rites by Rev. E. F. Troutman of the Lutheran Church and interment was in Mountlawn Memorial Park.

Pallbearers were: Greer Hodges, R. D. Hodges, Earl Penick, Hunter Storie, Blaine Miller and Jack Williams.

The large floral offering was in charge of the following: Mesdames Mary Alice Harrington, Laura Ruth Williams, Hunter Storie, Edith Mast, Bonnie Jean Rivers, Midge Hodges, R. D. Hodges, Jr., Rebecca Chamberlain, Lester Carroll, Vilas Moretz, J. C. Creed, Hale Vance, James Marsh, Charles Robbins, Gordon Winkler, A. E. South, G. K. Moose, Earl Thomas, Pearl Dowling, Ernest Lewis, Roy Ruffy, Paul Coffey, Richard Kelly, Daisy Adams, Roger Parker, B. W. Stallings, Tommy Thompson, Carl Day, Julian Ragan, Dempsey Wilcox, J. C. Greene, Perry Greene, Jack Williams, Homer Critcher, Marvin Russell; Misses Alma Teague, Vera Snow Barnett, Pauline McGee, Boots Klutz.

Mr. Angel, a son of Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Angel of Boone, was reared here, graduated from Appalachian High School and attended Appalachian College. He served his country in the armed forces for four years, and spent

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Ruffy Is Head Of Dairy Month

Mr. Roy A. Ruffy, of Hillside Dairy Products, Inc., has been appointed local chairman of June Dairy Month observance in Watauga county, state June Dairy Month chairman C. H. Willard, of High Point, has announced.

For the fifteenth consecutive year the entire industry, spearheaded by national and local leaders, will cooperate in the promotion of June Dairy Month activity. The story of milk "from grass to glass" will be told to varied groups of citizens throughout the country. This year the theme is "For A Stronger Nation, Essential Dairy Foods."

The purpose of this special emphasis upon dairy products during June is to promote the growth and understanding of the dairy industry; to keep citizens informed about the nutritional value of all dairy foods; to increase dairy products sales during this peak production period, thus providing dairy farmers a stable market for their milk at the time of year when surplus production tends to become a problem.

Joe Wheeler Dies At Triplett

Joseph W. Wheeler, 59 years old, retired builder, died at his home at Triplett May 9, after a long illness.

Funeral services were held at Mt. Ephraim Church on the 10th, with Rev. Theo. Hendrix and Rev. W. J. Cook in charge and interment was in the family cemetery.

Surviving are the widow, one son and three daughters: Stanton Wheeler, Triplett; Mrs. Ellen Beach, Blowing Rock; Mrs. Douglas Harmon, Blowing Rock; Mrs. Oscar Hayes, Boone.

Mrs. Dovie Coffey Rites Are Held

Mrs. Dovie Matheson Coffey, 39, of Sugar Grove, died Monday at the home.

Funeral services were held Tuesday afternoon at the Clark's Creek Baptist Church by Rev. Ira Hodges, and interment was in the cemetery at Henson's Chapel church.

Surviving are the husband, Cecil Coffey, two sons and two daughters: Burl Coffey, Hudson; Reeves, Sugar Grove; Mrs. Charles Melvin, Hickory; Mrs. Marvin Lawrence, Banner Elk.

Governor Scott, Road Officials To Visit City

LEROY ELDTRETH KILLED IN KOREA 18 YEARS OLD

Pfc. Leroy Calhoun Eldreth, 18, son of Mr. and Mrs. Worth Eldreth of Boone, was killed in action in the Korean War April 24, according to information received by his family from the war department.

Pfc. Eldreth had been in Korea since January 1. He joined the army last summer at the age of 17 and was trained at Fort Knox. He was with the seventh infantry regiment.

He was born in Ashe county, the family moving to Boone when he was a small child. He had attended school here.

Civic Leaders Hold Meeting

Blowing Rock.—A joint meeting of the directors of the Chamber of Commerce, business and professional leaders of Boone and Blowing Rock was held last Wednesday evening at Wagon Wheel grill in Blowing Rock to consider closer co-operation between the various communities of Watauga county in matters that may be of common interest to the entire area.

Dr. A. P. Kephart of Blowing Rock was elected chairman and Stanley Harris of Boone, secretary. Three committees, ways and means, permanent organization, and future development, were appointed by the chairman. These committees will make their preliminary reports at the next meeting, which will be held in Boone on June 12.

Mrs. Wilson Is Dead At Age 75

Funeral services were conducted Wednesday afternoon, May 9, at 2 o'clock, at the Beaver Dam Baptist Church for Mrs. Raleigh Wilson, 65, who died in Charlotte Memorial Hospital Monday morning, following a short illness.

The funeral was conducted by Rev. E. J. Farthing and Rev. Bob Shores, pastor of the church. Interment was in the Wilson cemetery.

Active pallbearers were Norman Wilson, Woodrow Eggers, Jake Eggers, Raymond Eller, Dallas Wilson, Luther Wilson.

Mrs. Wilson was born in Trade, Tennessee, October 3, 1875, a daughter of the late Brazill Eggers and Mellissa Reese Eggers. She was married December 8, 1903, to Raleigh Wilson. She joined Beaver Dam Baptist church at an early age.

Mrs. Wilson is survived by her husband, five daughters and five sons: Mrs. Lena Thomas, Avondale, Penn.; Mrs. Grover Johnson, Reese, N. C.; Mrs. Ross Potter, Zionville, N. C.; Mrs. Frank Perry, Hillsboro, N. C.; Mrs. Marshall Ward, Detroit, Mich.; Dave Wilson, Hillsboro, N. C.; Frank, Joe, Carl, Dean, of Reese, and 20 grandchildren.

Her passing is a great loss to her family as well as her community and friends of a large area.

Coaker Triplett, Jr. Has Polio Attack

Mr. Coaker Triplett, Jr., one of the most popular members of the Junior class at Appalachian High School, has been stricken with polio and is now a patient at the orthopedic hospital in Asheville, where he was admitted Saturday. His condition is not believed to be critical, and his early recovery is expected.

Coaker, a member of the high school basketball team, is an A club member, and has an outstanding record in both dramatics and athletics.

Attends Sales Meeting

Frank M. Payne, general agent for Security Life and Trust Company, whose territory comprises the Western part of the State, attended the sales congress of the North Carolina Association of Life Underwriters, which was held at the George Vanderbilt Hotel in Asheville, last week.



GOVERNOR SCOTT

Graduation Plans at Appalachian Hi

The Baccalaureate Services for the seniors of Appalachian High School will be held at the Boone Baptist Church on Sunday evening, May 20, at eight o'clock. Dr. W. G. Bond will be the presiding minister assisted by the Rev. Joseph T. Shackford. Special music for the occasion will be presented by the High School Choral Ensemble under the direction of Mrs. Elsie Erneston, and Mrs. Graydon Eggers, church organist, will accompany them.

Wins Florida Trip

Hickory, N. C.—Dennis Townsend, manager of the produce department of the local Dixie Home store, received a telegram this week notifying him that he had won a free trip to Florida in a five-week sales contest which ended last week.

He will leave for Florida on May 20. His wife will receive a check for \$100. She is also employed at the Dixie Home store here.

Blowing Rock Fire Group Gives Party

Members of the Blowing Rock fire department are to be hosts to the people of that community, and to the members of the Boone fire department and their wives at a barbecue to be held Saturday afternoon at 6:30.

The picnic will be held in Mayview Park, according to Mr. Frank Icenhour, who makes the announcement.

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"No grander, nobler field for service is to be found than that afforded in the profession of teaching," Dr. Malcolm McDermott, professor of law at Duke University, told the graduating class at Appalachian State Teachers college last Friday morning.

Dr. McDermott continued: "Here every talent you possess or command will be called into play. Here you will have to do with living materials, of no common mould or fixed pattern. Here your dividends will be in the form of human lives, touched and retouched. You are to be craftsmen in the handling of the most precious material, the most vital resource, in all our national life. You are to become custodians of America's youth. How you discharge that trust will in large measure determine the fate

Chamber Commerce To Fete Guests At Dinner

Governor Kerr Scott, and members of his staff will be the guests of the Boone Chamber of Commerce at a dinner at the Daniel Boone Hotel Wednesday evening, May 23.

Mr. J. W. Jordan, State highway commissioner, and Mr. Mark Goforth, district commissioner, with members of their respective staffs, will also be present.

In making the announcement, the Chamber of Commerce says that only 125 tickets will be available, and that they will be on sale at the offices of the organization at a price of \$2 each. Ladies are also invited, and early reservations are solicited.

Other Events

It is also stated that a motorcade of the Carolina Motor Club, composed of travel agents, newspapermen and others, are making a trip over the Blue Ridge Parkway and will spend Monday night in Boone, the guests of some of the tourist courts, and will have breakfast as guests of the Chamber of Commerce. About 35 are expected and they will be entertained jointly by Boone and Blowing Rock.

Bethel Finals Start This Week

Commencement activities at Bethel High School will begin this week with the recital on Saturday evening, May 19. Both piano and voice students of Mrs. F. E. Warman will be presented.

The baccalaureate sermon will be delivered at the Bethel Baptist Church Sunday, May 20, at 3 p. m., by Dr. John G. Barden of Appalachian State Teachers College.

Class night will be observed Tuesday of next week, May 22, at 8 p. m., at which time the seniors will give a play entitled "Attic Memories."

Graduation exercises will take place on the evening of Thursday, May 24, at 8 o'clock, with Dr. D. J. Whitener, also of ASTC, delivering the commencement address.

Music for the occasions will be furnished by the school chorus under the direction of Mrs. Warman.

Honor students for the graduation (Continued on page six)

Frank Newton Is With Belk Store

Mr. Frank Newton, for almost five years manager of Newton's Department Store here, has resigned and accepted a position with Belk's Department Store, Charlotte, entering upon his new duties Tuesday.

Mr. Newton was a leader in the business, civic and religious life of the community and was widely popular here.

No announcements have been made concerning the new management of the store.

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of our country, and that now means the world itself."

Saying that all dictators realize the importance of molding the minds of the young, Dr. McDermott said: "Frankly, what I am concerned with is the messengers you, as educators, are going to carry to American youths who will soon be under your guidance. So deep is my interest that I devote my remarks to you suggesting to you what in my opinion the nature of that message must be.

"Above all it must be a spiritual message. Education directed at the mind alone is bound to miss the track. Until and unless we teach the absolute necessity of moral compulsions in all the relationships of life, our efforts at (Continued on page two)