

**BOONE**  
1950 POPULATION 2,884  
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 DEMOCRAT

**WATAUGA COUNTY**  
1950 POPULATION 18,329  
Leading agricultural and tourist area. Livestock, dairy and truck farming of prominent importance. Blue Ridge Parkway traverses county and connects Blowing Rock, one of the principal summer resorts of Eastern America.

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## Farmers To Purchase Coble Dairy Properties

**KING STREET**  
BY  
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**VETERANS OF SPANISH WAR** close State encampment in Boone, and the lads who went to bat for their country half a century ago, had a good time in the community. More than 125, including wives, gathered for the meetings of the veterans and auxiliary, which were held at the Appalachian and Pastime theatres, respectively, through the courtesy of the management, and the visitors are loud in their praise of the fine reception accorded them in town. . . . Former Editor J. T. Perkins, an old acquaintance of the Democrat, who has retired from newspapering down at Lincolnton, tells us that never has he attended a convention in more favorable surroundings, or under more hospitable circumstances, and he added, "You have in my friend Albert Watson a kind of one-man Chamber of Commerce, or press agent. . . . He's really a good thing for your fine town."

**AND WE AGREE** that Mr. Watson, besides showing his comrades a pleasant time, did the community a fine turn by bringing so many folks to town. . . . Of particular interest is the fact that such a large number of the visitors had never been to Boone before. They are uniformly loud in their praise of the city and the people with whom they associated here, and are looking forward to the day they may return to the hospitable Daniel Boone Hotel for another encampment.

W. C. (BILL) LENTZ, Blowing Rock Esso dealer, drops in the Democrat to renew his subscription to the county newspaper, which isn't anything unusual, Bill has been doing that regularly for many years. . . . But it is unusual when he lays down payment for six years at one time. . . . "Lot's of times," he says, "when I'm over here I forget to renew. . . . I'll not be bothered with it for a while." . . . We highly appreciate Mr. Lentz' generous acceptance of the Democrat, enjoyed his call, and are glad to hear from him that tourist prospects at the Rock seem unusually bright at this time. . . . Mr. Bush, president of the Bush Transfer lines, which render such uniformly prompt freight service to the business people of Boone, visits with us the other day, and talks of his business. . . . Incidentally he hasn't found any substitute for hard work, and says that he plinch hits on the road. . . . That is, he drives one of the huge vans whenever the situation demands, at the same time being the top man in the operation of the system. . . . He's doing a good job, and the Democrat always knows its big rolls of paper will be on hand by the time they are needed. . . . Mr. Bush, and Mr. Jud Barnes, who drives the trucks over the mountains are rendering helpful courteous and "on the dot" service. . . . We couldn't get along without 'em.

**'HASTY HEART' TO BE STAGED HERE**  
The world famous Barter Theatre will present a performance of John Patrick's famous play, "The Hasty Heart," in Boone on the night of July 3. The play will be sponsored by the Business and Professional Women's Club of Boone.

**THOUSANDS** expected to gather Sunday for the annual "singing on the mountain," which is held near Linville on the Grandfather, and the event which was started many years ago by Mr. Joe Hartley, has grown into nation-wide notoriety. . . . Fact is, the gathering has been featured for some years in the picture magazines, and has focused attention on the Linville tourist area. . . . More and more people gather on the slopes of the rugged mountain and sing and eat, and listen to the discourses of mountain ministers and others who gather for the big event. . . . It is to be supposed that an even larger group than formerly will gather Sunday for the festivities.

**KIND-HEARTED CHAP** stops and picks up bananas peel from the sidewalk. . . . The street loiterers, who seem to take up their vacation at regular hours (Continued on page four)

### Dale Gross Is Hurt In Korea



PFC. GERALD DALE GROSS

Pfc. Gerald Dale Gross, son of Mr. and Mrs. Cleve Gross of Boone, was wounded June 3rd while serving in Korea with the fifth Paratrooper Ranger Company.

### Veterans Thank Boone Citizens

The Statewide encampment of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, which ended its sessions last Tuesday took occasion to express appreciation to the community for the kindnesses shown during the meeting.

In a resolution the veterans particularly thanked the Methodist Church and Rev. J. T. Shackford, its pastor for the many courtesies shown; Mayor Winkler, the management of the Daniel Boone Hotel and other individuals were praised by the group for their hospitality at "one of the best State encampments we have ever held." The resolution also noted the courtesy of Hillside Dairy in supplying ice cream for the meeting.

More than 125 registered for the encampment, and Albert Watson of Boone, former State commander, who sponsored the meeting here, stated that a large number of the visitors had never before been in Boone. He feels that the veterans had a fine time, and will want to return to Boone for another meeting when the opportunity is presented.

**VFW BARBECUE PLANNED HERE**  
The local post of the Veterans of Foreign Wars will hold a barbecue at Camp Fiesta in Shulls Mills Saturday, June 23, at 8:00 P. M.

**Orthopedic Clinic**  
The Orthopedic Clinic will be held at the Health Department in Boone on Friday, June 22. Dr. Gaul of Miller's Clinic in Charlotte will be in charge.

**Elementary School Opened Tuesday**  
The Boone Demonstration elementary school will start Tuesday, June 26, according to Mr. John Howell, principal.

### Twenty-Seventh Annual Singing Set For Sunday

One of North Carolina's most unusual annual events—the Grandfather Mountain Sing—will be held Sunday, June 24, will be the twenty-seventh year of the famous mile-high gathering in which thousands lift their voices in sacred hymns.

The crowd which streams in and out from early morning until sunset is difficult to estimate in size, but it has grown every year until now several highway patrolmen are assigned to handle the heavy traffic. Last year's attendance was estimated at between 25,000 and 50,000.

Several large meadows substitute for parking lots for the thousands of cars and trucks loaded with Sunday School classes, families and groups of neighbors. Groups from West Virginia, Virginia, Tennessee and South Carolina also swell the size of the crowd, although most of the visitors and participants are from North Carolina's mountain country.

This annual event, not once marred by rain in the past 26 years, is a homecoming for many friends and relatives who seldom see each other except at the sing. Public address systems enable the crowds to hear the preaching or singing in progress in their vicinity, as close-harmony quartets vie with old-fashioned revivals during the colorful affair.

Some old-timers have perfect attendance records through the years. One, a 92-year-old white-bearded Watauga County resident, Rev. Shelby E. Gragg, has sung and delivered a mountain-side sermon at every annual meeting.

Joe Hartley of Linville, manager of the sing since it began, has seen it develop into the South's largest singing.

### EMORY G. GREER RITES TUESDAY

Emory Glenwood Greer, 75, of Zionsville, died June 16. Services were held on Tuesday, June 19, at 2:00 P. M., at the Mabel Methodist Church. Burial was in the Miller Cemetery at Zionsville.

Mr. Greer was at one time treasurer of the county when such an office existed, and was tax supervisor for a number of years.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Emma Greer of Zionsville; a son, Glenwood Greer of Dayton, Ohio; five daughters, Mrs. Thomas Wilson of Zionsville, Mrs. Charles Isaacs and Miss Betty Ruth Greer of Cincinnati, Ohio, Mrs. Jake Chapman of Richmond, Indiana, and Mrs. Dana Farthing of Cleveland, Ohio; and two sisters, Mrs. Walter Thomas and Miss Hetty Greer of Zionsville.

**Civil Service Jobs**  
All persons who are interested in qualifying for the positions of Graduate Nurse, \$3100 and \$3875 per year, Library Assistant, \$2650, \$2875, and \$3100 per year and Librarian, \$3100 through \$5400 per year, are urged to file immediately in the current examinations for these positions now being conducted by the Fourth U. S. Civil Service Regional Office, Washington, D. C.

**Mobile Unit To Give Miss Chest X-ray Service In Watauga, Ashe, Alleghany**  
Four mobile x-ray units will tour Alleghany, Ashe, and Watauga Counties from July 7 to August 8 offering free chest x-rays to all persons in the district 15 years of age or older.

The State Board of Health will furnish the units and technicians making free x-rays possible. The District Health Department requested the Tuberculosis Control Division of the State Board of Health to come into this district and make the x-rays. The local agencies and individuals who are cooperating in this mass x-ray survey are responsible for seeing that people in their community take advantage of this opportunity. Many groups throughout the district are working together to insure the success of the survey.

## Enrollment At Appalachian Is 1249; New Record Established

CITY MAYOR, ALDERMEN



Mayor Gordon H. Winkler, upper left; Guy W. Hunt, Grady Moretz and Grady Tugman, aldermen, who were approved in the city election held Tuesday.



Mayor Winkler has just ended his fourth term. Guy W. Hunt and Grady Moretz are ready to enter upon their third terms, while Grady Tugman is the only new man on the board, replacing Council Cooke, who served as member of the board and town clerk for three years before he was recalled to army duty.

### Unopposed Democrats Hold City Hall Posts

A Democratic slate of candidates headed by Mayor Gordon H. Winkler, was given the approval of the voters Tuesday in an election in which the Republican party offered no candidate. Despite the certainty of their election 137 voters took the trouble to go to the polls and register their approval of the candidates.

### TYPHOID CLINIC DATES GIVEN

The schedule for typhoid inoculation clinics for this week as released by the Health Department is as follows: Wednesday, June 20, Laxon Postoffice, 9:00-10:00 A. M., Deep Gap School, 10:30-11:30 A. M., Stony Fork, 1:00-2:00 P. M., and Howell's Store, 3:00-4:00 P. M.

**WINKLER GOES TO AREA GATHERING**  
Mr. W. R. Winkler will attend the North Carolina Associated Communities quarterly meeting to be held in Cherokee, N. C., on Friday. The association is composed of eleven western North Carolina counties, with a limited number of citizens from each county invited. The purpose of the meeting is to make plans for the promotion of the tourist industry.

**Softball Area Being Graded**  
Through the courtesy of Mr. Frank McCracken and the State Highway Department, the recreation area of the community was graded Saturday morning. The entire softball field was carefully shaped up with road graders for proper playing and drainage sloping, and the area approaching the backstop was leveled for horse-shoe, badminton, and croquet courts.

**Health Council To Meet at Valle Crucis**  
The summer meeting of the Watauga County Health Council will be held at the Valle Crucis Mission School, Thursday, June 28, at 8:30 P. M.

### MANY STATES ARE REPRESENTED IN SUMMER SCHOOL STUDENT BODY

Figures just released by Appalachian State Teachers College show that the enrollment for the present summer quarter has reached the highest peak ever enrolled for any quarter at the college. The number now enrolled stands at 1249. The previous high was 1241 at the same time last year. However, this figure will rise again when the registration for the first two-weeks course takes place on July 9.

The number enrolled in the Graduate School is 521. At the same time last year there were 423 graduate students, and two years ago at the same time the enrollment was 263.

### Bids Are Asked On Highway 321

The State Highway Commission has called for bids on a road project in Caldwell and Watauga Counties, part of which will complete the section of US 321 from Boone to Blowing Rock which was not re-worked with the rest of the road.

This project is only one of 34 contemplated by the Highway Commission covering 185 miles of road improvement in 32 counties.

The project involves the grading and paving of 6.15 miles from a point on US 321 approximately 15 miles northwest of Lenoir to Blowing Rock near the Caldwell-Watauga County line, and from the end of pavement on US 321 approximately 2.24 miles northeast of the Caldwell-Watauga County line at Blowing Rock toward Boone for approximately 1.27 miles.

The bids will be opened in Raleigh June 26, and reviewed by the Commission at its meeting on July 6.

### FLOWER SHOW IS BEING PLANNED

The annual flower show sponsored by the Worthwhile Woman's Club will be held July 26 and 27 at the Boone Baptist Church. An earlier date was selected this year in hope of reaching roses and other earlier blooming flowers at the peak of their blooming season. With this earlier date in mind, start planning to help make this the loveliest flower show Boone has ever had.

This year the Blue Ridge Garden Club is also co-operating in staging the show. Committees from both clubs have been working for several months.

The next issue of the Democrat will carry the complete rules and entry classifications for the show.

### JUNE COURT TERM FINISHES WORK

The June Civil Term of the Watauga Superior Court closed last week. All the cases ready for trial were disposed of, some 15 cases being removed from the docket of 37.

Judge Susie Sharp, North Carolina's only woman jurist, held court. Attorneys and court officials were impressed by the efficiency with which Judge Sharp presided during the term.

### Health Council To Meet at Valle Crucis

The summer meeting of the Watauga County Health Council will be held at the Valle Crucis Mission School, Thursday, June 28, at 8:30 P. M.

An interesting program is being planned including a new movie produced by seven agencies of North Carolina, "The Hot Family." There will be reports from other groups and from the State Rural Health Conference.

### Health Broadcast

The weekly radio program sponsored by the Watauga County Health Department, will be heard Monday, June 25, at 1:30 P. M. Under the direction of Mrs. J. D. Yoder, the program will feature first-graders from Blowing Rock.