

BOONE
1950 POPULATION 2,984
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

An Independent Weekly Newspaper—Established in the Year 1888

WATAUGA COUNTY
1950 POPULATION 18,250
Leading agricultural and tourist area. Livestock, dairying and truck farming of paramount importance. Blue Ridge Parkway traverses county, and overlooks Blowing Rock, one of the principal summer resorts of Eastern America.

VOL. LXIII—NO. 52. BOONE, WATAUGA COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA, THURSDAY, JUNE 28, 1951. FIVE CENTS PER COPY

KING STREET BY ROB RIVERS

MR. J. C. CRAWFORD, 83 year old North Wilkesboro resident, and father of Joe Crawford of Boone, called on the Democrat Saturday, and told us of having resided in Boone seventy-four years ago, where his father, Rev. William Montgomery Crawford, early-day Methodist minister, rode the Watauga Circuit, serving all the Methodist churches of the county. Mr. Crawford states that he resided near the present Austin South home, and that he didn't see a man in town he recognized as having been here in that bygone day. Only the residence of the late Capt. Thomas J. Coffey (the Angel home) was recognizable to Mr. Crawford, among all the buildings of the town.

LOOKING BACK over almost three fourths of a century, our visitor recalled those who were around when his father and mother moved from Boone to take up their abode in Cove Creek township. Captain Tom Coffey and "Mr. Lum" Coffey were here; Dr. Councill was doing all the medical practice, immediately following the death of Dr. James G. Rivers. Jim Hardin and Henry Hardin, and Joe Spahnour were recalled, the latter having taught in the old academy not far from the Dougherty mill. He recalled Professor McEwen, one of the foremost early day schoolmasters, who wielded the hickory stick and taught the three R's in the old Masonic hall building to the rear of the Linney home. Mr. Crawford also pursued his academic education under the tutelage of Miss Nanette Rivers. He recalled his friendship with Bob Rivers, the elder, with Capt. Lovell and with Judge Greene, and recalls when the home of the latter was burned.

MR. CRAWFORD states that the Methodist church, where his father preached when Boone's turn on the circuit came, was located on top of the hill, in the vicinity of the present J. M. Moretz barn. The old log jail on depot street, at about the place where the city hall now stands, was mentioned, and a Mr. Ayers was the jailer; Coffey brothers store was the center of the business life of the area. Mr. Crawford's recollection of old days along the street are vivid, and he enjoyed his visit to Boone, and meeting members of the families of old friends, long gone. Unlike many of the older citizens, he looks back with fond memories of happy experiences, but does not resent the change which has made a new world of the old. He views the present and the future with a calm confidence. We thoroughly enjoyed seeing him and talking of the days of his youth along the street.

WATT GRAGG is in receipt of a letter from Charles F. Phillips of Thomasville, a Building and Loan executive, who is anxiously looking for a yoke of oxen to be featured in a centennial celebration down that way in about ten days. In turn, we are anxious too to help Mr. Gragg and Mr. Phillips, and we would highly appreciate anyone knowing of some "working cattle," getting in touch with Watt, so the civic enterprise down at Thomasville may be aided. Mr. Phillips says transportation would be sent for oxen and owner, they would be returned, and satisfactory compensation would be arranged. We would appreciate some help in this regard.

ODDS AND ENDS; Virginia automobile carrying campaign sticker for candidate for Commonwealth's Attorney. Seen in one block, autos from California, Massachusetts, Kentucky, Virginia, Tennessee, Maryland, Ohio. Motorist opens trunk of car, and rummages around in golf clubs, fishing tackle, boots, etc. for some missing article. Bona fide airplane being carried on pickup truck, with wings folded back. Upturned boats on top of cars en route to TVA dam in Tennessee. Watt Beach says he's just set 20,000 cabbage plants. Pete Hagaman pours cement in postoffice. (Continued on page four)

Daily Newspaper Editors Will Be Feted Here This Summer

Thousands Gather For Annual Linville Singing

50,000 Persons Said To Have Been Present.

Uncounted thousands streamed into the Grandfather Mountain area Sunday for the twenty-seventh annual "Singing on the Mountain."

Chairman Joe L. Hartley of Linville, 80-year-old founder of Grandfather Mountain's religious singing convention, said that during the day 50,000 people visited the broad meadow which served as the singing grounds.

Metropolitan Opera star Norman Cordon of Charlotte and Chapel Hill started things off in the early morning with his rendition of the beloved hymn, "Rock of Ages," which he dedicated to Grandfather Mountain.

Dr. I. G. Greer of Chapel Hill, former head of the Baptist State Convention, was the main speaker for the day.

Dr. Greer said "the government is spending a million dollars every 12 minutes for victory over our enemies, but that is not enough. We must all work together to maintain Christ's ideals and ways of life."

Highlight of the afternoon program was the performance of radio's Johnson Family Singers. Charming Betty Johnson stole the show from her family by leading the crowd in the singing of "What a Friend We Have in Jesus." Persons two miles away reported that they could hear the singing clearly at the time.

A local sensation of the program was "Happy" John Coffey of Boone's Fork, Watauga County, who played several selections on his 36-string home-made harp.

He was accompanied by his brother, Roby, on the fiddle, playing an original composition "Singing on the Mountain"—set to the tempo of "She'll Be Coming 'Round the Mountain."

Traffic was kept moving on the crowded highways by Avery County Sheriff Wilburn H. Hughes and 37 State Highway patrolmen. Sheriff Hughes said there was no question that yesterday's crowd was the largest in the history of the event.

Rat Posion Has Been Received

The "Warfarin" rat poison has been received and by the time you read this will be mixed and distributed to local stores. You may obtain it there by paying for the cost of the material, Mr. L. E. Tuckwiller, County Agent, announced this week.

This material is made available through the cooperation of the Boone Chamber of Commerce, Watauga Health Department, and the Agricultural Extension Service.

Special assistance with mixing and packaging has been given by Mr. Joe Michael and his helpers at the Southern Insecticide plant. The local newspaper and radio have cooperated in giving space and time for the publicity.

Mr. Tuckwiller stated: "Now the bait is prepared, we hope each farmer will use it to reduce the rat population and make Watauga County a better place to live."

Square Dance Team To Be Featured Here

On Friday evening at 7:30, Appalachian State Teachers College will present the nationally known Cramerton Square Dance Team, from Cramerton, North Carolina, in a demonstration program at the boys' gymnasium at the college. This team, also known as the "Calico Team," has been in every section of this country giving demonstration square dances.

Following the program by the Cramerton group, there will be a square dance in the boys' gym.

Leprosy missions to spend \$535,917 over the world in year.

Thomas Heard By Letter Carriers



GEORGE C. THOMAS

At a meeting of the Watauga Rural Letter Carriers Association at the Skyline Restaurant on June 18, George C. Thomas of Zionville reported on his recent trip to Washington and the national office of the Association. Mr. Thomas also explained the publication of the National Rural Letter Carrier magazine.

The state organizations were represented by Mr. Clyde Winebarger, secretary, and Mrs. Winebarger, president of the Auxiliary. The forthcoming state convention in New Bern on July 8, 9, and 10, was discussed and delegates elected. Several of the groups plan to attend.

Mr. Edgar Brown, Boone postmaster, also addressed the meeting, after which each organization held a separate business meeting and elected officers.

The new officers are: George C. Thomas, president; Warren Dotson of Shulls Mills, vice-president; and Roy Lylerly of Banner Elk, secretary. Mrs. Clyde Winebarger was elected chairman of the Ladies Auxiliary and Mrs. Roy Lylerly, secretary.

First Lamb Pool Announced Here

The first 1951 Watauga Lamb Pool will be made at the North Wilkesboro sheep leading pens on Thursday, July 5, the County Agent's office has announced. Lambs will be graded, weighed and loaded on the same day; therefore, it will be necessary to get them in early. Weighing will start at 7:30 A. M., and continue until 10:00 A. M., when the lambs will be loaded. Those placing lambs are urged to be early.

It is hoped by the County Agent's office that 150 early selected Grade Ewe lambs sired by registered rams will be ready for the Ram Sale Monday, July 9. Anyone having such lambs should contact the County Agent at once so that some member of the sheep breeders association can see the lambs before sale day.

Breakfasts with Gov.

Mr. Herman Wilcox had breakfast with Governor and Mrs. Kerr Scott and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Parker of Raleigh at the Daniel Boone Hotel Wednesday morning. Mr. Parker is with the North Carolina Department of Conservation and Development.

ALL STAR GAME PLANNED JULY 4

An All-Star game between the first and second division of the Men's Softball League has been scheduled for July 4, at 3:30 p. m. The game will be played on Upper Field, just back of the Methodist and Baptist churches. All players in the league are urged by Bill Murray, league supervisor, to be on the field by 3:15 so the game may get underway promptly. Spectators are assured a good game as competition in the league has been keen.

Miss Truman's visit to Europe is called boon to travel.

Press Convention Is Being Arranged; Committees.

In a meeting in Winston-Salem last week, between officials of the Winston-Salem Journal, and Messrs. Herman Wilcox of Boone and Grover C. Robbins of Blowing Rock, preliminary plans were made to hold a convention of daily newspaper editors located on highway 321 and 421 in North Carolina, and some Tennessee editors in Boone sometime during this summer.

After discussions with Editor Sanford Martin and Mr. W. K. Hoyt, Messrs. Wilcox and Robbins announced that a two-day program is being planned for the journalists during the latter part of July or the first of August, re-emphasizing the importance of these two Federal highways.

Further details of the proposed convention will be formulated at a committee meeting to be held Thursday.

Mr. Wilcox announces the appointment of the following committees:

Entertainment: Rob Rivers, Dr. A. P. Kephart, Stanley A. Harris, W. H. Gragg, Herman Wilcox.

Publicity: Mrs. Earleen Pritchett, Rob Rivers.

Program: Dr. A. P. Kephart, R. C. Rivers, G. C. Robbins, Stanley A. Harris, Herman Wilcox.

Entertainment and accommodations: Clyde R. Greene, Wade E. Brown, H. Grady Farthing, Bob Hardin, Barnard Dougherty, W. H. Gragg.

Old Ford Garage Is Being Razed

The old frame building, built by Mr. Bynum Taylor over thirty years ago, as a Ford sales place and garage, is being torn down to make room for a new building for Swofford's Tire Store, which had occupied the old garage building for several years.

Meantime, Swofford's are occupying the Gulf Station building next door, during the rebuilding operation, and are carrying on their Goodyear business without interruption.

Rural Fire Dept. Envisioned Here

Watauga County is the first county in the state to file an application for the establishment of a rural fire department in cooperation with the State Department of Conservation and Development under legislation enacted by the recent General Assembly.

Mr. Clyde Greene, chairman of the Board of County Commissioners, has informed George Ross, director of the Department of Conservation and Development, that Watauga County wishes to establish a rural department.

The law passed by the General Assembly is nothing new, but merely an extension of the fire prevention and control program under the Department of Conservation and Development which is already in effect. It is an expansion of this program of forest protection to apply to homes as well.

Under this law the counties are authorized to contract with the Department for the establishment of a rural department. The authorities then submit a proposal to the counties under the general fire protection program.

In the connection with this general provision, the county must contribute a minimum of 25 per cent before the state can participate or funds from the Department's appropriation can be expended.

If the program is carried out, tanks of perhaps 150 gallons pulled by cars would be stationed at strategic points throughout the county to answer fire alarms.

Sends Cigarettes to Fighting Men in Asia

Mr. W. R. Winkler, of the Winkler Motor Co. on June 20th shipped 10,000 cigarettes to our soldiers on the front lines in Korea, it was learned Monday.

Queen Contest To Be Held In City On Friday Night

Radio Station "WATA" in Boone and the Appalachian Theater in cooperation with the International Radio Club, the city of Miami, and the Miami Beach Chamber of Commerce will present a Radio Queen Contest at the Appalachian Theater Friday night, June 29th.

The local girl who is selected as queen will be awarded an all expense paid vacation in Miami, Florida where she will compete for the title of Radio Queen Of The South against 25 other applicants.

The local queen is due in Miami July 9th to begin a large planned program of entertainment, beach parties, dances and dinners as the guest of many of Miami's leading civic organizations. The winner in Miami Beach will be awarded \$100 in cash, a trip to the Bahama Islands, Cuba as the guest of the Cuban government, to Nassau, and on to New York for an audition with Ted Mack, master of ceremonies of the Old Gold Amateur Hour on radio and television. Those entered in the local queen contest to this date are: Miss Rachel Ann Vance, sponsored by the Appalachian Soda Shop, Miss Patsy Bolick of Blowing Rock, Mary Austin of Boone, sponsored by the Northwestern Bank in Blowing Rock, Miss Patsy Anne Swift of Sherwood sponsored by Bell's Department Store, and Miss Martha Austin, sponsored by the Northwestern Bank of Boone. Other entries will be in the contest but their names are not available at this date.

The local queen will represent the city of Boone, Blowing Rock and Watauga County in the huge affair at Miami Beach. The judges selected by the contest committee are from out of the city and county and will come to Boone on Friday afternoon.

Mrs. F. M. Maltba, 69, Succumbs Wednesday

Mrs. F. M. Maltba, 69 years old, died at the home here last Wednesday, following a long illness.

Funeral services were conducted at the Oak Grove Baptist Church by Rev. C. O. Vance and interment was in the Hine cemetery.

Mrs. Maltba was a daughter of the late Isaac W. Gross, and Mrs. Gross and had lived in Watauga county all her life. She was a member of the Poplar Grove Baptist Church.

A daughter, Mrs. A. H. Kennedy of Boone, survives, with two brothers and two sisters: Lee Gross, Cleve Gross, Mrs. Hettie Hodges, Boone; Mrs. Minnie Lewis, RFD 2, Boone.

Thomas Seitz To Be Ordained

Mr. Thomas Seitz of Gambier, Ohio, a graduate of Bexley Hall Theological Seminary, was ordained as a deacon of St. Mary's Church on Wednesday at Blowing Rock. Mr. Seitz will assume duties as rector of St. Luke's Parish on July 1.

The ordination was by Bishop George Matthew Henry of the diocese of Western North Carolina. Mr. Seitz was presented by his father, Dr. W. C. Seitz, a member of the faculty of Bexley Hall Seminary; the epistle was read by his brother, Rev. W. C. Seitz, Jr.

Rev. Gale D. Webb of St. Mary's Church in Asheville preached the ordination sermon. The litany was read by Rev. E. D. Butt, director of the Southern Rural Church Institute Training School at Valle Crucis.

Ordination as a deacon is the first step in becoming a priest of the Episcopal Church. After serving a probationary period of one year and performing most of the duties of minister, a deacon is then ordained as a priest.

Curb Market

The Watauga County Home Demonstration Curb Market will open for the summer season on Friday, June 29th. The market will be located this year at the same site it has had for the past several years, the vacant lot on East Main Street opposite the Advent Christian Church. The women plan to have fresh vegetables, fruits, eggs, chickens and canned food for sale on each Tuesday and Friday from 9:30 to 11:30 a. m.

REA Officials Here In Interest Rural Phones

Rules Are Made Public For Flower Show Here

Woman's Club And Garden Club Are Sponsors.

Complete rules and classifications for the 1951 Flower Show to be held July 26 and 27 at the First Baptist Church and sponsored by the Worthwhile Woman's Club and the Blue Ridge Garden Club have been released by Mrs. Frank Payne, Mrs. C. E. Ulery and Mrs. Ed Hall, chairmen of the show.

1. Register pot plants July 25 from 3:00 to 4:30 P. M.

2. Register other exhibits July 26, 8:00 to 11:00 A. M.

3. Exhibits registered after 11:00 A. M. will be placed in the show but not judged.

4. All exhibits will be removed after 4:00 P. M. July 27.

5. Exhibits will be classified when registered and placed in their proper class.

6. Only the staging and classification committees will be permitted in the auditorium during registration and placing of the exhibits.

7. No one will be permitted in the show rooms except the clerks while judging is taking place.

8. Children are to make their own arrangements without aid from parents.

9. Persons placing artistic and miniature arrangements are given the privilege of removing dead flowers and replacing them with fresh ones before 10:00 A. M. on the second day.

10. Decision of the judges will be final.

11. Each exhibitor is asked to bring a list of materials used in each artistic or miniature arrangement.

12. Flowers from other gardens may be used in artistic arrangements.

13. Horticulture specimens, collections and display exhibits must be grown by the exhibitor.

14. Potted plants must have been in the exhibitor's possession for two months before entering.

15. There is no charge for entries.

Schedule for Local Playground Is Given

The Community Playground for pre-school age children will be supervised from Monday through Friday, 9:00-12:00 and 2:00-5:00 o'clock.

The playground will be held on the lot between the Baptist and Methodist Churches.

The following person will be at the playground at the times indicated:

Monday mornings—Mrs. John Bingham; Monday afternoons—Mrs. Bill Harbin.

Tuesday mornings—Mrs. Joe Minor; Tuesday afternoons—Mrs. John Davis.

Wednesday mornings—Mrs. J. B. Robinson; Wednesday afternoons—Mrs. John Kirk and Mrs. Reese Sugart.

Thursday mornings—Mrs. Jerry Coe; Thursday afternoons—Mrs. J. C. Goodnight.

Friday mornings—Mrs. Jack Martin; Friday afternoons—Mrs. W. C. Richardson.

We still need more volunteers. We would like to have at least two persons at the playground at all times, and still need someone for Saturday mornings and afternoon and Sunday afternoon.

Caudill Manages Newton's Store



J. V. CAUDILL

J. V. (Jake) Caudill, formerly a resident of Boone, where he was manager of the Reins-Sturdivant Funeral Home, and for the past six years of West Jefferson, has accepted the management of Newton's Department Store, and entered upon his new duties June 18th.

Mrs. Caudill is in charge of the office at Newton's and is assisting her husband in first floor merchandising. Mrs. Jack Gragg remains in charge of the ready-to-wear department, while Mrs. Frank Miller manages the basement store.

Mr. Caudill who lived in Boone for eight years, expresses pleasure in returning to this city, where he has wide friendships. "I am happy to be back in Boone," Mr. Caudill said, "where we spent so many happy years. I invite all my friends to visit me at Newton's where we are offering an expanded merchandising service. We will extend you a cordial welcome."

Hereford Group Make Sale Plans

The Purebred Hereford Breeders of Watauga County met at the County Agent's office on Thursday to further plans for the Annual Purebred Hereford Sale.

R. G. Shipley, Harry Hamilton, and L. E. Tuckwiller were elected as a committee to set the date for the sale.

The breeders are requested to get their nominations on the cattle they wish to sell in to the county agent or some officer of the association at an early date.

The association plans to make the 1951 sale the best sale yet for the Watauga Hereford Breeders. The Purebred Hereford Breeders in adjoining North Carolina counties have been invited to consign cattle to this sale under the same rules by which Watauga Hereford Breeders are governed.

Mr. B. C. Snidow, American Hereford Association representative, and J. S. Buchanan, Extension Animal Husbandry Specialist, have been asked to assist with the selection of the sale cattle.

Dr. Wey at Chapel Hill Conference

Dr. Herbert Wey is attending the Summer School Conference for principals in Chapel Hill this week, where he is serving as chairman of the conference.

Approximately 300 principals are expected to take part in the three-day workshop type of program. Problems relating to the principal's role in the public school administration will be one of the main topics of discussion.

This year's conference is being co-ordinated with the superintendents, supervisors and elementary teachers in a week of concentrated study of leadership in our public schools. This combined leadership week is being sponsored by the Department of Education of the University of North Carolina.

Group Named To Take Applications For Membership.

Mr. Young of the Federal R. E. A., and Mr. Miller of the State R. E. A., met with a small group of telephone people at the courthouse in Boone Wednesday evening, June 20.

Mr. Young pointed out that the membership drive for one telephone cooperative in North Carolina has been completed, and that the members were almost signed up on a second cooperative in the State. Definite progress has been made on the membership program for the Skyline Telephone Membership Cooperative. This cooperative will serve the western part of Watauga County, and parts of Ashe and Alleghany Counties.

The following people were selected to take applications for membership:

Membership drive co-ordinator, Johnnie P. Greene.

Brushy Fork Township: R. G. Shipley, Joe McNeil, Roy Keplar.

Cove Creek Township: Russell Henson, Ned Glenn, John K. Perry, Rev. C. O. Vance.

Laurel Creek Township: George M. Harmon, Dwight Cable, Ed Love, Ned Glenn, and Henry Hagaman.

Beaver Dam Township: Johnnie P. Greene, Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Vines, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Perry, Mr. and Mrs. Dean Reese, Sanford Creed, and E. C. Trivett.

Watauga and Shawneehaw Townships: I. D. Shull and W. W. Mast.

North Fork Township: Lovell South, and John K. Perry.

Others who would like to help with the telephone program are invited to see Johnnie P. Greene, or the Home or County Agents for more information.

Band Concerts Start Thursday

The first in a series of five outdoor concerts by the Appalachian Summer School Band, will be presented Thursday evening, June 28, at 7:00 o'clock, on the lawn in front of the College Administration building.

The band is composed of students from the Demonstration Schools, Undergraduate and Graduate Schools of the College, and members of the music faculty.

During the twelve weeks summer term, the band will present five concerts on the lawn of the campus. In the event of rain the concert will be given in the College Auditorium.

The public is cordially invited to attend any or all of these outdoor informal programs.

REA May Build New Power Dam

Lenoir, June 22.—Blue Ridge Electric Membership Corp. of Lenoir, asked the Federal Power Commission today for a preliminary permit for a proposed hydro-electric project in Ashe county, manager Cecil Viverette announced.

The permit would enable the company to maintain priority of application for a license to build the project while it makes necessary preliminary surveys.

The proposed project at Glendale Springs would include a dam on the south fork of the New River and a powerhouse on the middle fork of the Reddies River.

The energy produced would go to the towns and rural customers now served by the corporation.

The dam, 2,000 feet upstream from a bridge on State Highway No. 16 across the South fork of the New River, would create a reservoir of 200,000 acre feet.

A tunnel 13,000 feet long would divert water to the middle fork of the Reddies River to an 85-500-horsepower powerhouse.

Parathion, a new insecticide, is dangerous to human beings and should be used with extreme caution, warn entomologists at N. C. State College.