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WATAUGA COUNTY
1950 POPULATION 19,398
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.

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 business district. A good place to live.

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KING STREET

BY ROB RIVERS

CARL TEAGUE has returned to his first love with the town of Boone's Sanitary department, after a few months absence, during which time he worked with the State Highway Department . . . Carl worked for the city for 22 years before casting his eyes toward fields which looked greener, but says he's glad to be back with the city, where he labored for so long . . . Carl has toiled diligently in making the town cleaner, has hauled garbage, shoveled snow, cleared away the refuse left by cloud-bursts, swept the streets, cared for the fire department equipment, done odd jobs for the people of the community in off hours, and his contribution to the welfare of the town has been substantial . . . We are glad for him to be back on his old job.

A NEW STOP LIGHT has been erected at the King and College Street corner, where the traffic is almost hopelessly snarled on Sundays . . . The traffic signal will doubtless prevent many accidents, and serve to facilitate the movement of traffic as well . . . Meantime other traffic lights are getting a new coat of aluminum paint, which makes them more noticeable, and adds to the appearance of the street . . . Neighbor W. B. York, honor student at the University of North Carolina, and member of the Naval Reserve Officers' Training Corps, returns from summer cruise in Caribbean waters.

E. C. COKER, down from Blowing Rock the other day, says he's been spending summers on the mountain top for forty years and never has he seen the weather so warm in this area . . . Mrs. Naomi Tugman of Meat Camp township calls at the Democrat office on her 81st birthday . . . Has taken the county paper continuously for 46 years . . . Says she subscribed just as soon as mail service allowed her to get mail from Boone within a reasonable length of time . . . Standing out in the middle of King trying to find an opening in line of traffic . . . Salvation army vehicle, not too much impressed, with speed, stops, and waves us on across the avenue . . . Stranger and lady "feeding" parking meter . . . Man looks up and down and says: "Have a growing suspicion that these things are not being used." . . . Look up Northwestern Bank number in telephone book, place call, and get a wrong party . . . Wind up to yell at operator, and discover that we have given the number of the bank at Blowing Rock . . . Doubtless others are inconvenienced by the two towns being in the same book, in both Boone and Blowing Rock . . . They should be separated for the good of the service . . . Red rooster running like mad up the center of the street, without even being pursued . . . Mrs. Wilma Conderman hands us this definition of a small town, which she clipped from a Miami newspaper: "A community where everybody knows whose check is good and whose husband isn't."

PROSPERITY NOTE: Neatly-dressed colored woman passes up street by the bank corner, fumbling with purse . . . Loud clink as a couple of coins hit the sidewalk . . . Two businessmen, almost in one voice remind her she's losing her money, but she kept going . . . "Makes no difference," she says, with a glance over her shoulder, "they're just pennies!"

WARREN SALMONS, who left Boone back in 1918, renews his acquaintance with some of his schoolmates in this vicinity . . . A resident of Memphis, Warren hasn't been here since he lived on the site of the present Rivers home with a brother, Dr. E. Glenn Salmons . . . We enjoyed his visit and the backward look across the years . . . Mr. Salmons is the last survivor of the family of Mr. J. Frank Salmons, who lived in the Virgil neighborhood, and we recall the slender gray-haired gentleman, and the gold-headed cane he carried on his trips to Boone . . . As a barefoot lad, we vowed we'd never give up till we secured for our own a walk-

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X-RAY SURVEY PERSONNEL—The personnel of the X-ray survey pictured above in front of the mobile unit on Main Street in Boone are, left to right: Mrs. Elizabeth Lam, clerk for the moving units; Miss Madeleine McCain, health educator for this district; Mrs. Alfred Chiswell, chief technician; Mrs. R. D. Hodges Jr., member of the Business and Professional Women's Club which is a sponsor of the survey; Mr. Tony Hinnant, operator at Deep Gap; Miss Iris Turlington; Mr. Malcolm Lam; and Mr. William Greene, technicians. The survey continues through August 8.—Photo Palmer's Photo Service.

Boone's Official Census 2,973; Watauga Population Is 18,341

Corn, Hay First in 1951 Farm Crops In Watauga

Farm Census Gives Farthing Named To State Body

Corn and hay will be the most important harvested crops in Watauga County in 1951, according to the preliminary 1951 county farm census. The census which is compiled by the North Carolina Federal-State Crop Reporting Service each year comes from information contributed by the farmers of the county themselves in cooperation with their Farm Census Supervisors and Township Lists.

The preliminary census for this year shows that there are 157,808 acres of farm land in Watauga County, while the number of acres of harvested cropland comes to 23,009, or 15 per cent of the farm land.

Idle cropland accounts for 8,127 acres, and plowable pasture land takes up an additional 53,307 acres. Wooded and all other land, which has increased by five per cent in the last year amounts to 73,365 acres.

Compared to the 1950 survey there is a decrease of three per cent in idle cropland, a two per cent decrease in plowable pasture land, and no change in cultivated land.

Meat Camp leads the county in the acreage of corn grown with 633 acres out of a county total of 4,849. Corn averages together with the 10,830 acres of hay cut in the county comprises 68 per cent of the total cultivated land, making these two the leading crops.

Tobacco takes up 759 acres for its cultivation, which is just a little less than three times the acreage which is given to wheat grown for grain, the total being 254.

Oats grown for grain far outstrip wheat with 1,623 acres being used for its cultivation.

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Hereford Sale Dates Are Given

The date for the 1951 Watauga purebred Hereford Breeders sale has been set for Friday, October 26, at Boone. Purebred Hereford cattle breeders in adjoining North Carolina counties are invited to nominate cattle for this sale with the Watauga breeders. All nominations from both county and out of county breeders should be in by August 1st so that a selection committee can inspect the cattle nominated early in August. Please send your nominations to the County Agent, Boone, just as early as you can.

Bids Received For Deep Gap School Building

Plans for the new Parkway elementary school building are progressing rapidly, and if the State Board of Education approves the bids which were awarded July 10, construction will begin immediately.

To be located on Highway 421 between Grant Greene's and Wiley Day's, in the Deep Gap area, the new plant will include 15 regular and two primary classrooms, a library, lunchroom, kitchen, storage room, principal's office, and rest rooms.

It is hoped that the building will be ready for use by the fall of 1952.

Children from the first through the eighth grades will attend the new school, which will effect a consolidation of Deep Gap, Stony Fork, Mt. Paron, Rutherfordwood and Bamboo schools.

The total cost of this project will be approximately \$235,000 including the cost of water supply and sewage disposal.

The Green Valley School now being completed which is as large as the new project except for having five less class rooms cost of a total of approximately \$122,500.

The controversy over the site of the Parkway school which delayed its construction has raised its cost in the form of increasing building costs, according to Mr. W. H. Walker, county superintendent of education.

State Aid Funds are responsible for both these new buildings. After their construction the county will have a remainder of \$11,000 of state money.

Low bidders on the Parkway project were: general contract, Taylor Construction Co., Lenoir, \$181,500; plumbing contract, Mooney Plumbing and Heating Co., Lenoir, \$6154; heating contract, Mooney Plumbing and Heating Co., Lenoir, \$19,471; electrical contract, I. S. Ayers, Boone, \$9455.

Merchants Name Slate Officers

Dr. O. K. Richardson was re-elected president of the Watauga County Merchants Association at the annual meeting of the association on July 10.

Roy Fufty was elected vice-president. Stanley Harris was named manager and Roberta B. Ray, secretary.

The meeting took place at Camp Yonahlossee. Dr. and Mrs. A. P. Kephart, camp counselors, and campers were hosts to the group.

Speakers for the evening were G. Wesley Williams, executive secretary of the Raleigh Merchants Bureau, and Thompson Greenwood, secretary of the North Carolina Merchants Association.

W. R. Winkler At Park Gathering

Mr. W. R. Winkler, spent Tuesday in Waynesville, at a reorganization meeting of the North Carolina National Park, Parkway, and Forest Development Commission, at which time a new slate of officers was to be appointed, and other business transacted.

Mr. Winkler, pioneer automobile dealer of Boone, and one of the leaders in the political and civic life of the community, was recently appointed by the Governor to a six-year term on the board. He had previously served for two years on the important commission during the administration of Governor Cherry.

At the Waynesville meeting were all the members of the commission, together with a number of Parkway and Forest Service officials.

Democrat Ad Moves Many Refrigerators

Mr. J. C. Cline of the Western Auto Store, had some Wizard refrigerators, which he advertised in the Democrat two weeks ago at a special price of \$179.95. On the following Saturday he sold 9 of the machines, and in the two week period has disposed of a total of 20, which he believes sets something of a record for direct advertising results from a single medium.

Rachel Ann Vance Gets High Honors In Miami

IN RADIO QUEEN PAGEANT



MISS RACHEL ANN VANCE

Boone Singer Second in Pageant; To Get Radio, TV Tests.

By LAURA JUDY

Charming and talented Rachel Ann Vance, Boone's representative in the annual Radio Queen Pageant in Miami Beach, Fla., went to the finals on Sunday night to be named runner-up to the queen.

Miss Vance, who was only one vote behind the winner, received a trophy, and auditions on Arthur Godfrey's program and Ted Mack's Original Old Gold Amateur Hour on radio and television. The runner-up was slated to receive only the trophy, but Miss Vance's popularity brought the additional awards. The audition will be on Monday, July 30, at 9:00 a. m. If the result is favorable, Miss Vance will appear on a coast-to-coast radio and television program.

Since she could not go to Cuba this week because of her wedding on July 21, the city of Miami Beach invited her and her husband back for an all expense-paid honeymoon.

In the finals held at a banquet at the Saxony Hotel in the Imperial Room Miss Vance again sang "Il Bacho" and also George Gershwin's "Summertime."

Among the field of representatives from 25 cities was an accordion player from Dade County, Fla. who was named Radio Queen of the South.

Miss Vance won the title of Radio Queen of Watauga County in the contest here on June 29 by singing "Il Bacho" by Arditi. The winner was sponsored by the Appalachian Soda Shop, and the runner-up, Miss Pat Bolick of Blowing Rock, by the Dixie Home Store.

The local contest was sponsored by the station WATA and the Appalachian Theater in co-operation with the International Radio Club, the city of Miami, and the Miami Beach Chamber of Commerce. Miss Vance and Miss Bolick were accompanied to Miami by Mr. Charlie Wilfong, program director of WATA, and Mrs. Wilfong.

Miss Vance, whom everyone in Boone knows from her innumerable church solos and five year's of singing the lead in the

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Boone Flower Show To Open July 26th

Rules Are Given For Annual Garden Exhibition.

On July 26 at 3:30 p. m., with the cutting of the ribbons to admit the public to view the array of beautiful blossoms and arrangements, the annual Flower Show will officially be under way.

Mrs. Frank Payne will give the welcoming greetings as the show opens at the First Baptist Church.

Prior to this all judging will have been completed and prizes will be awarded at 8:00 p. m. The outstanding entry of the show will receive the tricolor award and also a prize. The sweepstakes prizes will go to the person receiving the most blue ribbons.

Conard and Pyle, rose growers, will contribute a prize for the rose section. A total of twelve prizes will be given in the children's classes. A silver tray will be awarded by Stallings Jewelry Company for the outstanding entry.

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Spencer T. Ashley Succumbs Tuesday

Services for Spencer Tivie Ashley, 48, of Boone Route 1, who died July 17, were held July 18 at 11:00 a. m. at the Middle Fork Baptist Church. Burial was in the cemetery there.

Rev. Robert Shores and Rev. A. C. Moody officiated.

Survivors are: his wife, Bessie, of Boone; three children, Greene, Judy Lee and Bessie Jean of Boone; and four brothers and one sister, Venton of Boone, Grady of Elizabethton, Tenn., Dayton of Boone, Roger of Boone, and Mrs. Arthur Austin of Chester, S. C.

Must Get License

Those who expect to operate threshing machines in the county this year are asked by Miss Helen Underdown, Register of Deeds, to come to her office and get the necessary operator's license.

Square Dance

A square dance will be held at the Valle Crucis Mission School Saturday, starting at 7:30 p. m. Proceeds will be used for school purposes.

Legion Meeting

There will be a regular meeting of Miller-Wagner Post, American Legion Saturday July 21 at the Deep Gap School. Refreshments will be served and a new slate of officers installed.

WATAUGA MAKES GOOD RECORD IN SUPPORT OF CHEST X-RAYS

Watauga County inhabitants have piled up a good record in the number of people who have taken advantage of the free chest X-rays made possible by the survey now in progress.

Of the 4,909 X-rays made in the three counties during the first six days of operation, 2,778 were of Watauga people. The record, however, could be better. Last Saturday 342 X-rays were made by the mobile unit in Boone, but the unit could have taken care of 400 people.

Persons from many areas of the county have come into Boone to have their X-rays made. Rural residents of Watauga County have availed themselves of the opportunity better than Boone residents, according to Miss Madeleine McCain, health educator for this district. College students are to be commended, however, since many of them have had X-rays made.

An X-ray two years ago when a survey was last made in this area does not mean that an X-ray is not necessary this time. Everyone should be X-rayed every year, since tuberculosis can attack quickly and often shows no symptoms in its beginning stages.

Dr. William A. Smith, director of the X-ray section of the State Board of Health, was here last Friday and Saturday observing the activity. Although he was pleased that so many rural people had been X-rayed, he pointed out that undoubtedly the record could be better.

Confidential reports of the X-rays will start being received within two weeks, although some may be ready at the end of next week.

This week's schedule for the mobile units finds one stationed on the Main Streets of Boone and Blowing Rock. The one at Blowing Rock will proceed to Lansing next week.

EDITORS MAKING PLANS TO ATTEND BOONE CONVENTION

Several editors have already accepted invitations to attend the daily editors' convention to be held here July 25 and 26, and plans for the conference are progressing.

Among those who are already scheduled to attend the meeting are Mr. Sanford Martin, editor of the Winston-Salem Journal-Sentinel, Mr. Wallace Carroll, executive news editor of the Winston-Salem Journal-Sentinel, Mr. Kelly of the Johnson City Chronicle, Mr. William Waddell, editor of the Elizabethton Star, Mr. J. P. Fritz of the Morganton News Herald, Mr. Sam Weems, superintendent of the Blue Ridge Parkway, and Mr. Mark Goforth, district highway commissioner.

According to Mr. Herman Wilcox, president of the Boone Chamber of Commerce, response to the proposed convention has been excellent. Mr. Wilcox pointed out that not only editors have responded, but that various chambers of commerce have commended the conference.

There has also been co-operation from the people of both Boone and Blowing Rock concerning accommodations for the editors during their two-day stay.