

# WATAUGA DEMOCRAT

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**BOONE**  
1950 POPULATION 2,873  
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**  
1950 POPULATION 18,341  
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.

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## KING STREET

BY  
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ROBINS gather on hillside in droves early Sunday, perhaps holding their first meetings relative to their long flights into the regions of warmer weather. Don't recall having seen these big flights of red-breasts so early in the season, and guess there's a sign to be read in the behaviors of these feathered friends, if we only knew it. . . . Straw hats begin to look a bit pale in these last days. . . . believe Saturday should be the time to get the new fedora or reach for the old Stetson, as the case may be, and we loath our parting with the rumpled old straw, and look with misgivings to wearing a coat every day, and a long-sleeved shirt, later going the whole hog with the great coat and the muffler, and the sweater, galoshes and the like, as the growing season comes to a close, and the days of the golden harvest and the county fairs, and the red apples and punkins and Thanksgiving and Christmas are envisioned.

COLLEGE LAD, standing by his bags, trying vainly to thumb a ride down the road. . . . Kid needs to get there or he's going to be late, and we stand and watch the endless stream of automobiles many of them empty except for the driver, pass the lad who's trying hard as heck to get somewhere in this world. . . . Course we know that motorists are remembering some of the tragedies which have resulted from picking up strangers. . . . But we've never been afraid of the lad with the natty sport coat, and the carefully combed hair, and the air of eager expectancy, who stands erect by his scanty belongings. . . . We always pick 'em up on the rare occasions when we journey off down the concrete. . . . We may make a mistake some day and wake up with a bump on our noggin, but we're going to chance that when we think it's a nice young kid trying to get to school. . . . We're for him!

PEGRAM BRYANT, publisher of the Statesville Landmark and its descendant, the Statesville Daily, comes to town with Fuller Sams, the theatre man, and visits pleasantly with the Democrat. One of the old-timers in the newspaper profession in this state, Mr. Bryant's career has been followed by us for a great many years. . . . We exchanged tales of our mutual good friend the late Thomas Bell Moore, Statesville native, who worked on the Landmark back in the hand-set days, before he decided to make Boone his home. . . . Mr. Bryant has carried on with ability a high tradition in newspapering. . . . The Statesville Landmark produced two of the State's real giants of journalism. . . . Joe Caldwell and Rufus Clarke, and our earliest recollections of newspaper reading include the Landmark, our mother's home newspaper. . . . It's still going strong at 78 years old.

THE HOUSE FLY has visited our neighborhood in fewer numbers this year than ever before. . . . Don't know how come, with the garbage dump right in town, but the pests, which some say used to bring in some of the vitamins from the hog lot, are noticeably absent. . . . Over at our house, a section of a kitchen screen has been out for weeks, and there's been no need fixin' it. . . . A few years ago, we used to have the big kitchen up at the old Rivers homestead fairly full of Tanglefoot—the sticky paper—fly swatters were used with laborious regularity, and still the things came, trying to get in. . . . And of course those on the inside trying to get out, reminding of M. E. Blackburn's remark when fly screens were coming in style, said they were a good thing. Enabled one to keep his flies at home. "If you let 'em out—no telling, they might go off somewhere and get diseased."

Makes Field Visit  
Miss Elizabeth Lovell, Director of Public Health Education with the State Board of Health, made a regular field visit in this area last week.

## Mountaineers, Hard Hit By War Face Football Opener Saturday



IN BEAUTY EVENT—Miss Peggy Robbins of Blowing Rock participated in the annual Apple Harvest Festival beauty contest of Henderson County on Labor Day weekend. Miss Robbins was a guest of the Hendersonville Chamber of Commerce.

## Three Local Instructors Contribute To Magazine



(Photo Palmer's Photo Service)

LARGEST CATCH IN THREE YEARS—Raleigh (Twin) Cottrell, Boone business man, proudly shows the largest catch registered with the Watauga County Wildlife Club in three years. He hooked the small mouth bass, 20½ inches long and weighing four pounds, one ounce, in New River near the Watauga-Aahe line on August 31.

## Superior Court Convenes Monday

The regular fall term of Watauga Superior Court will convene Monday with Judge F. Donald Phillips of Rockingham presiding. The criminal term is scheduled for a one week session and about 150 cases will be tried. Most of the cases are for misdemeanors, most of them involving driving motor vehicles while intoxicated and violations of the prohibition law.

## Naval Reservists

Naval Reservists and former Navy men who are interested in receiving medals and awards due them may contact the Commandant of local representative, LCDR G. F. Kirchner, USNR, and make arrangements to obtain these medals and awards. Mr. Kirchner will be glad to assist local Naval Reservists in matters pertaining to the United States Naval Reserve and those needing assistance are urged to contact him.

## Mayor's Proclamation In Behalf Of Local Band

The Appalachian High School and Elementary School band's have played a tremendous part in bringing happiness and pleasure to the people of Boone and Watauga County. Some 100 children participate in band each year. Our band is an integral part of our school system. Our band develops good citizenship in its participants and means a great deal to the school spirit. Our band helps tremendously in developing confidence, poise and self development on our children. Our band has brought to

## Local Gridders Meet Guilford at Bowman Gray Stadium.

With their first game only three days away, the Appalachian State Mountaineers are faced with the tremendous task of rounding certain key men into shape. Already hard hit by graduation and the armed forces, Jack Pennell recently switched from guard to tackle, joined the injured list with a badly bruised hip. This in addition to the loss of halfback Jack Groce with a broken cheek bone leaves the Mountaineers in a bad way to defend their 1950 conference crown.

Twice daily workouts have been called off, conditioning drills are behind them and from now on it will be hard work on both offense and defense. Lester Hardin, 155 pound fullback has been doing a job that belies his size, and Shirley Gabriel, selected by Coach Preston Mull to take over Groce's right halfback position is shaping up as a very capable young man. The defensive line play of guards Joe Lassiter and Bobby Baker is very good, with co-captain Jack Neal a mainstay at end.

Losses to this years team has eliminated any thought of a two platoon system. Although fifteen lettermen are on tap they will not stretch around enough to place a man in each starting position. (Continued on page eight)

## Hi School Band Opens In Lenoir

The Appalachian High School Marching Band, with its fifty-four members, opened the 1951-52 season at Lenoir, Friday evening, September 7. Several new members have entered the band this year including five new majorettes and a new drum major. The six girls are wearing new uniforms this year and made a most favorable impression on the football fans at Lenoir. The drum major is Landy Brown, a senior at Appalachian High School. The majorettes are Joan Brookshire, Francis Jones, Nancy Dee Winkler, Bonnie Jean Hampton, and Betty Edmisten.

## Mrs. Candice Yates Succumbs Saturday

Mrs. Candice Yates, 79, of Newland, died in Watauga hospital at 6:50 a. m. Saturday after a period of declining health following a stroke she suffered last February. She was admitted to the hospital last Thursday. Mrs. Yates, who had been living in the home of a daughter, Mrs. J. E. Vannoy, for the last six months, was a member of the Presbyterian church in Newland.

## Foodhandlers' School

Some of the owners and operators of foodhandling establishments in Watauga County met in the Courthouse on Tuesday, September 11, for the purpose of organizing and planning for a Foodhandlers' School to be held in the county early in October.

## Home Is Burned

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Carter of the Silverstone neighborhood, was totally destroyed by fire Saturday night. No insurance was in effect and all clothing, etc. was destroyed. There are six children in the family, and Mrs. Carter says that they are in need of clothing or any surplus commodity which may be given them.

## Meetings Held On Family-Farm Policy Review

All the scheduled meetings on the Family Farm Policy Review have been held by the county agricultural mobilization committee. Unusual interest in the discussions of the various agencies of the U. S. Department of Agriculture was shown by farmers and others attending these meetings.

Meetings were held in the following communities: Upper Beaver Dam at Community Hall; Lower Beaver Dam at Bethel School; Upper Cove Creek and North Fork at Mabel School; Lower Cove Creek, Laurel Creek and Brushy Fork at Cove Creek School; Shawneehaw and Watauga at Valle Crucis School; Blue Ridge, Blowing Rock and New River at Bamboo School; Elk and Stony Fork at Deep Gap School; Bald Mountain and Meat Camp at Green Valley School.

## Green Valley Opens New Term

The fall term of school opened last Tuesday with more than 350 pupils enrolled, according to Earl Greene, Principal. The school brings together children from Rich Mountain, Howard's Creek, Winebarger, Rutherford, Todd, Green Valley and Boone. Among the pupils enrolled are six sets of twins.

## Council Head Highway Group

Nags Head—James H. Council of Boone was elected president of the North Carolina Highway Employees Association here last week. He succeeded Withers Davis of Fayetteville. Merle Adkins of Durham was elected first vice president; Fred Biggerstaff of Rutherfordton, second vice president; and O. M. Banks of Raleigh was reelected secretary-treasurer.

## Twin Pumpkins To Be Feature of Fair

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## Good Apples

The Democrat thanks Mr. Heath Smith of the Matney neighborhood, for a bag of fine Golden Sweet apples. The fruit was delicious and Mr. Smith's generosity duly appreciated. Forest fires and forest insects often work hand-in-hand to destroy pine timber.

## Slight Decline Is Noted In College Enrollment

## Kermit Hunter To Speak To Chamber Commerce

At the invitation of Radio Station WATA and the Boone Chamber of Commerce, Mr. Kermit Hunter, famed author of the Cherokee North Carolina pageant "Unto These Hills," has agreed to speak at the regular monthly meeting of the Boone Chamber of Commerce Friday noon at the Skyline Restaurant. The meeting will be broadcast by WATA.

Mr. Hunter is now engaged in a few weeks work for the "Crusade of Freedom" campaign that is now in progress across the country. He has accepted speaking engagements in many cities throughout the State. The meeting Friday will be devoted entirely to the great work that is being carried on by Radio Free Europe stations in Munich, Germany, beaming programs of truth and freedom to those behind the Iron curtain. Jim Taylor is chairman of the Crusade for Freedom campaign in Watauga County. The drive will end September 30.

## Series Workshops Held at College

Appalachian State Teachers College held a series of faculty workshops prior to the opening of the college, with the meetings falling on Saturday, September 8, and Monday, September 10. The topics considered together including the following: A study of freshman orientation; schedules; know your students; the assignment; the recitation; counseling; the objectives of the college; public relations of the relations of the college to the observation and demonstration schools; accrediting of the college; what is considered a day's work for a college professor; how may a class with a wide-spread preparation best be taught; the relations of the college and the town; chapel exercises; final examinations and grades; public programs; and a college spirit.

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Former Senator William B. Umstead this morning made the announcement of his candidacy for the Democratic nomination for the Governorship in the primary next spring. Mr. Umstead's statement follows: "I am a candidate for Governor of North Carolina subject to the Democratic Primary next spring. In connection with this announcement I feel that it is appropriate to say that I have great pride in the past half century of advancement and progress in our State. This development must continue.

"As we look ahead to even greater accomplishments, we are compelled to recognize that the troublesome times through which we are living will continue to present serious questions requiring prompt decision, and grave problems demanding practical solution. These things should be accorded the wise and patient consideration that affairs of state deserve. If this is done there is no reason why North Carolina should not continue to be the leading Southern State and advance to an even higher position among the States of the Union.

## Health Council Holds Session

The executive committee of the Watauga County Health Council held its regular planning session September 6 at the Skyline Restaurant. Plans were made for installation of new officers recently elected. The county-wide meeting will be held at Deep Gap School September 21 for the installation.

## Calves Sought For Sale Here

Those wishing to consign calves to the Boone Feeder Calf Sale, are asked to get in touch with L. E. Tuckwiler, Boone, N. C. by September 15. About 100 calves have been consigned and 250 are wanted. Calves must be of beef breed and weigh from 300 to 650 pounds.

## Harris Named Head Credit Committee

The credit bureau manager of Boone, Mr. Stanley A. Harris has been appointed chairman of the attendance and publicity committee of the community of the Southern Consumer Credit Clinic which is holding its third annual meeting at the Hotel Charlotte Wednesday, September 26, 1951.

## To Blood Donors

A notice from the local Health Department reads as follows: Several months ago many of you donated blood to the Red Cross Bloodbank when it spent two days at the Watauga Hospital collecting blood for overseas use. Your blood was typed and cards have been made for you indicating your donation and your typing. If you wish to keep this card you may have it by calling at the information desk of Watauga Hospital.

## Freshmen Converge on Campus; Others To Register Friday

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A new term opened at Appalachian State Teachers college on Tuesday, with the arrival on the campus of the freshmen. Faculty workshops, in preparation for the opening of the term, occupied all of Saturday and Monday. According to Registrar H. R. Eggers, approximately a ten percent decline is expected in the enrollment, due principally to a slight decline in the enrollment of veterans, and the fact that a number of students have been called by the military draft. Last year's enrollment and that of this summer were the largest in the history of the college for a regular term and for a summer term.

The freshman orientation program began Tuesday morning at ten o'clock. Brief talks were given by President B. B. Dougherty, Dean J. D. Rankin, Miss Helen Burch, dean of women, Dr. D. J. Whittier, head of the department of social studies, and William Craig of Wilkesboro, president of the student body. English placement tests were given in the college library in the afternoon. A program of indoor games, college songs and yells, and community singing was held in the evening.

On Wednesday morning Registrar Eggers gave important information about the selection of courses of study and registration procedures. The psychological examinations were given all freshmen, and medical examinations given those who had not had them in the afternoon. The evening was devoted to house meetings in the various dormitories. Today will be occupied with freshman registration, medical examinations, and a reception for freshmen in the evening. Friday classes will meet as scheduled and the upperclassmen will come in and register. Friday evening a square dance and pep meeting will be held. Saturday night a party, sponsored by all the churches of Boone, will be given for all students.

## Visits County

Mr. H. O. Bealmer, consultant with the Western District State Board of Health, spent last Friday in Watauga County in the interest of better milk production.

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