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1950 POPULATION 18,241
Leading agricultural and tourist area.
Livestock, dairy and truck farming
of paramount importance. Blue Ridge
Parkway traverses county, and Louchee
Blowing Rock, one of the principal
summer resorts of Eastern America.

BOONE
1950 POPULATION 2,973
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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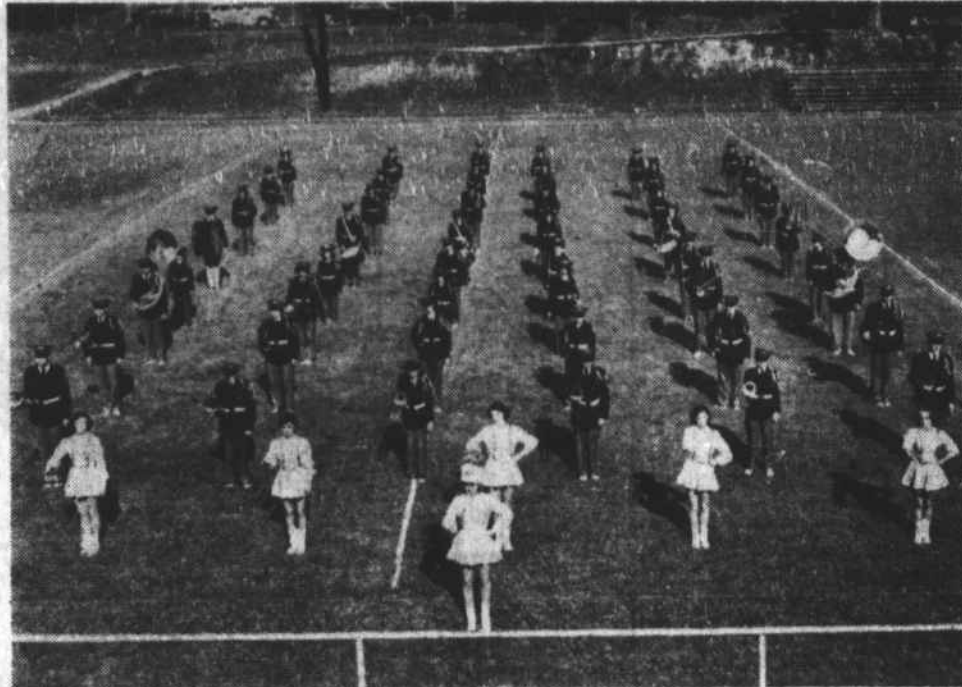
LEWIS HICKS, Heaton man, who has spent spare moments for several months, rigging up an airplane in the barnyard of his home, didn't get the contraption to take to the air Sunday afternoon as advertised, but he brought together the biggest crowd seen in that section of the country . . . Cramped for room down Heaton way, the lad who had ambitions to go into the "wide blue yonder," made arrangements to use a part of the Whitehead farm up near Banner [?] for his exhibition, which he had declared would take place, whatever the whims of the weather might be . . . But the home-made plane didn't rise . . . The official verdict was that the taxing of the ship about the meadow "het" the motor to such an extent that she wouldn't fire again . . . At any rate Lewis and his brother, Bud, struggled manfully to try to get the "Ford engine" to start again, but no soap . . . Some of the folks said a representative of the Civil Aeronautics Authority put a crimp in the plans of the would be air pilot. We don't know, but we do know there was a powerful lot of us folks who had curiosity enough to gather, to find out whether the gangling lad who pieced together such a faithful facsimile of an airship, would survive the try-out . . . Fairly conservative estimates placed the crowd at three thousand. Automobiles by the solid mile gathered, from Carolina, Virginia, Tennessee, and states further away, and we had a good time visiting with the other Boone folks who joined us in peering intently at the plane, and speculating on the chances of its pilot ever telling about its flight . . .

THE PLANE, which is a fairly close copy of the old Jenny of world war I fame, has a frame of two by four scantlings, and the sheet metal which covers it, is painted a brilliant red . . . Wingflap and rudder controls are tied to the conventional "stick" in the cramped cockpit, and the power comes from a Ford V-8 engine . . . It's a pretty good job, and reflects some credit upon the ingenuity of its inventor, who besides knowing a good deal about mechanics, knows a whole lot about getting the folks to turn out . . . Russell Hodges, eyeing the throngs and the endless stream of autos, ventured the opinion we should invite young Hicks and his airplane to Boone, and we shared the opinion that it would probably draw the most folks of any event since the centennial celebration . . . But meantime, with due deference to Lewis' ability, we're going to hope that he'll just keep monkeying around on the ground in his airplane . . . We'd feel mighty bad if we thought he would ever get the contraption in the air.

CECIL MILLER, who sells furniture and appliances down at the Boone Tire and Bargain Store, and who deals in horses, ponies, etc., at his beautiful place on Rayhill, might have "dropped a stitch" in a trade with George Main the other day . . . Cecil had one of these little bitzy automobiles, less than a Crosley, which had a pint size engine in the rear, and which was built somewhere in France. The thing would run, but little was known of her innards and parts certainly weren't on sale at the corner garage . . . George Main had a motorcycle, made in Czechoslovakia, which carried neither name nor number, but which apparently had a good many puffs and pops left in her fluted engine, and he propositioned Cecil on a swap . . . Always ready Mr. Miller negotiated a fast deal, and has the European motorbike out at his house, and can't get her to pop even one more time . . . We heard him boast George about the machine the other day . . . The latter didn't seem to know just what the trouble could be . . . "If she's got gas in her, she should catch," he opined, whereupon Mr. Miller brought up the subject of parts . . . "Really," says George, "I don't know exactly where you'd get pieces for the thing . . . like as not you won't need any, but come to think of it, I was just

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APPALACHIAN HIGH BAND TO MAKE SIX TRIPS



The sixty piece marching band of the Appalachian High School has planned six trips during the 1951 football season. The band has already performed at Lenoir, and will travel to Valdese, Gran-

ite Falls, Wilkesboro, and Crossnore. The band will also represent the town of Boone at the "Farmers' Day" Festival at North Wilkesboro, and Wilkesboro on October 12.

The band from Elkin has been invited to Boone for a parade with the local high school band on the afternoon of October 5. Both bands will perform at the Appalachian-Elkin football game on the evening of the 5th.

Feeder Calf Sale Sets Record As Beefers Fetch Fifty Thousand

Labor Survey Lags; New Industries Eye This City

About a thousand names have been catalogued as a result of the labor survey which is being conducted by the Boone Chamber of Commerce, and Manager Stanley A. Harris, expresses the opinion that there should be three or four thousand people in the county, who are interested in factory employment.

Mr. Harris says that there are now two firms considering coming to Watauga county, and that they would need about 600 people to operate their machines. Also office personnel, carpenters, decorators, watchmen, both men and women, would be needed.

Mr. Harris states that postage paid cards were enclosed with all the county tax notices and that the New River Light and Power Co., send out the cards to everyone in Boone. He states that those who have not filled the cards, should do so and return at once, for upon this action might depend the securing of the proposed industries for Watauga county.

"If you are interested in a factory job in Watauga county," says Mr. Harris, "and if you do not have a card to register your name, call telephone 200 or otherwise notify the Chamber of Commerce office in Boone, and one will be sent you."

Gov. Of Alaska Visitor Here

Boone had a distinguished visitor last week in the person of Governor of Alaska, Ernest Gruening, who in company with his wife, was en route to the Governor's conference at Gallatinburg, Tenn.

Governor and Mrs. Gruening and another, whose name on the card at Lydia Tatum's Mountain Motel, was unintelligible, spent the night here Friday, and spoke in lavish terms to Mr. Tatum of his territory to the north.

Governor Gruening, who, of course resides in Juneau, serves the territory under presidential appointment, since Alaska hasn't yet been given the status of Statehood.

Walsh Reunion

The annual Walsh reunion will be held at Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church, 15 miles west of North Wilkesboro near highway 421, Sunday October 7th at 10:30.

A special program is planned for the day. Dinner will be served on the grounds, and the public is invited.

Bloodmobile Coming To Boone Monday Oct. 22

Dr. G. K. Moose, county chairman of the American Red Cross, in stressing the importance of the coming Bloodmobile visit to Boone, quoted the following statement made by Secretary of Defense Robert Lovett at a recent Pentagon conference:

"Reports have reached us which indicate there is a misconception in some parts of the country regarding the armed forces blood donor program. Some people seem to have gotten the idea there are two programs, one conducted by the Red Cross, and another conducted by the military. Nothing could be further from the truth. The Red Cross has been designated by the Department of Defense as the official procurement agency for the collection of blood for the armed forces. Because there is a tremendous urgency to collect three million pints of blood for use by the armed forces, the military came into the picture to help the Red Cross and to press upon the public the extreme urgency of the situation. The Red Cross itself is receiving no compensation for acting as blood procurement agency for the armed forces, although it is true that

the Department of Defense is paying part of the expense of collecting and processing blood needed for our troops. The Red Cross and the military are working together as a team in an effort to get the blood necessary to build up our supply of plasma which has been dangerously depleted. The men in uniform will also give blood in this drive, but the bulk of it must, as always, come from the civilian population."

The Red Cross Bloodmobile will be at Watauga Hospital Monday, October 22, for the (Continued on page four)

Handcraft Hours

Watauga Handcrafts Center announces its winter schedule of classes in weaving as follows:

Tuesday through Thursday—9 a. m. - 4:30 p. m.
Friday—4:30 p. m. - 9 p. m.
Saturday—9 a. m. - 4:30 p. m.
Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday are usually planned for one group, Friday nights and Saturday by another group.

A student may enter at any time, according to Miss Elizabeth Lord, who is in charge of the handcraft center.

Foodhandlers To Meet In Initial School For Area

Watauga County's first Foodhandlers' School will be held at the Partime Theater, October 9, 10, and 11. For the convenience of the foodhandlers, morning sessions will be conducted beginning at 10:00 a. m. and ending promptly at 11:30. The same program will be repeated in the afternoon from 2:30 until 4:00 p. m.

A certificate will be given to all who attend three classes, one each of the three days of the school, and a merit certificate will be awarded each establishment who has 100% attendance of employees and manager.

An interesting and instructive program has been prepared for each of the three days with outstanding speakers, sound motion pictures, and special displays of food handling materials and equipment.

Some of the expected consultants are Miss Sallie J. Mooring, consultant dietician with the State Board of Health, Raleigh; C. H. Stacy, field secretary of the North Carolina restaurant association, Wilmington; T. J. Sharpe, bacteriologist and sanitarian, Hickory; F. R. Derrick, bacteriologist and professor at Appalachian State Teachers College, Boone; William A. Broadway, district sanitarian, Asheville; and Melvin Powell, sanitarian, Columbus.

Participants of this school may be any and all foodhandlers from restaurants, cafes, hotels, hospitals, institutions, housewives, drug stores, school lunch rooms, etc. The general public is cordially invited and people who have domestic help are urged to send their help.

Although this school is basically planned for foodhandlers, it should interest any person who eats in one or more of the above listed places in that they can be

Coroner Says Tragedy Attempted Murder, Suicide.

Mrs. Loy Tester, 35, of Sugar Grove, suffered a critical knife wound in the throat, and her husband, Francis Tester, 35, is dead from what officers describe as a self-inflicted gunshot wound, early Monday morning.

The tragedy occurred at the Tester home 12 miles west of Boone, and Richard E. Kelley, county coroner, along with Sheriff A. J. Edmisten, conducted the investigation.

Coroner Kelley termed the affair "attempted murder and suicide" and did not hold an inquest.

Officers said the assault occurred at about 5:30 a. m., and that Clara Mae, an 11 year old daughter, answering her mother's screams, saw her father stab the mother in the throat. Thomas, 14, and Fred, 13, ran to their sister's aid, it is said, and succeeded in preventing further injury to Mrs. Tester.

Tester left the house, a few minutes later a shot was heard. The body was found about 50 yards from the house. A charge from a 20-gauge shotgun had entered the body in the region of the heart.

Officers have found no motives for the assault and the ensuing suicide. It was said that the family attended church Sunday evening.

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Gala Homecoming Day Festivities On Saturday

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Pvt. Minton Is Killed In Korea



Pvt. Richard M. Minton, son of Mr. and Mrs. Grady Minton, was killed in action in Korea September 1, his parents have been advised by the war department.

Pvt. Minton was with the seventh division, Co. C, 17th infantry regiment, and had been in the army since December 14, 1950. He was a graduate of the Cove Creek High School, and later was employed in Bristol by the Universal Moulding Corporation.

Pvt. Minton was widely known during his school days as an athlete, particularly basketball, and won acclaim from sports fans throughout western North Carolina and East Tennessee.

Grid Classic One Of Main Events Annual Affair.

The annual Homecoming festivities will be observed Saturday, October 6, at Appalachian State Teachers College. The calendar of events will include the following:

Registration at 12:30 p. m., in the administration building; various college projects sponsored by campus clubs, on display about the campus from 1:00 to 5:00; alumni meeting and election of officers, college auditorium, 1:30 to 2:30; alumni tea, lobby of administration building, 2:30 to 3:30; two one-act plays by the Playcrafters, college auditorium, 3:30; supper from 5:00 to 6:00 on your own; football game with Lenoir-Rhyne in the college stadium at 7:00; and the homecoming dance in the men's gymnasium, 10:00 to 12:00.

One feature of the alumni activities, according to J. Paul Winkler of Boone, president of the alumni association, will be the first reunion of the classes of 1928 representing Appalachian Training School and Appalachian State Normal School (both predecessors of Appalachian State Teachers College). There will be opportunity for get-togethers of any other classes that will want to meet, Mr. Winkler says.

Music, preceding the meeting of the alumni in the college auditorium, will be under the direction of Nicholas Erneston, director of the college orchestra.

Homecoming Queen will be crowned during half-time of the football game, under the sponsorship of the Men's "A" club.

The various projects by clubs and groups of the college are as follows:

I. R. C., located in front of the library.

Vernician Literary Society window of the Fashion Shop.

White Hall Club, front of White Hall.

New Dorm Club, front of New Dorm.

Lovill Hall Club, front of Lovill Hall.

Future Teachers, front of Administration Building.

YWCA, pool across from Ad. Building.

Women's Athletic Association, Girls' Gym.

The Appalachian, newspaper office, Science Building.

Religious Council, between Baptist and Methodist churches.

Science Club, Room 21, Ad. Building.

Business Club, front of Ad. Building.

Home Economics Club, College Cafeteria.

A. C. E., Main floor of library.

College Choir, on football field at half.

Pep Club, front of Ad. Building.

Chorus, in music room of Ad. Building.

Men's "A" Club, coronation of Queen at half.

Physical Ed. Club, co-op with WAA.

Library Science Club, downstairs in library.

Forensic Club, front of Ad. Building.

Willow Valley Church Is Dedicated Sunday

The Willow Valley Baptist Church at Sugar Grove, was dedicated at services held last Sunday.

The fifteen thousand dollar house of worship, was only recently completed. The church was established in 1935 with 31 charter members and now has a membership of 92.

Rev. Bob Shore preached the sermon of dedication, while Rev. D. M. Edmisten gave the church history. Rev. W. J. Cook, the pastor, was master of ceremonies.

Music for the occasion was supplied by the Perkinsville Baptist Church quartet, lead by Richard Hodges. Dinner was served on the church grounds.

Rites Are Held For Pvt. Calhoun

The body of Pvt. Leroy Calhoun, son of Mrs. Worth Eldredh of Boone, has been returned from overseas and funeral services were held at the Reins-Sturdivant Chapel by Rev. Tipton Greene, with interment in Mountlawn Memorial Park.

Mr. Calhoun was killed in the Korean fighting April 24, 1951.

The mother and stepfather survive, with five brothers and sisters, all of the home: Junior, James, Rosa, Elizabeth, and Shirley Eldredh of the home.

When paid for eggs according to quality, as measured by official grades, farmers make an extra effort to produce better eggs. This was shown in tests conducted recently in Ohio.

Board Of Tax Appeals Swears In New Members

The newly-constituted board of tax appeals met at the courthouse Monday morning, and swore in two new members, Miss Ellen Coffey of Blowing Rock, and Mr. Ed S. Williams of Mabel.

Miss Coffey was named to the board by the town of Blowing Rock, and Mr. Williams by the county board of education. Other members are Major J. H. Thomas, chairman, Clyde Moretz and Perry Greene.

The board, formed by a law passed by Representative Wade E. Brown in the last Legislature, has the power to act on appeals from the board of commissioners and change the valuation of property of appealing taxpayers.

Mr. Thomas says that no appeals were on file, and that his board will meet again on October 15, at which time they will mail out ten-day notices to the taxpayers who have filed their appeals.

Meantime, it is again emphasized by Major Thomas, those who have protested their valuations before the county board of equalization may appeal to his board, if dissatisfied with the findings of the former body. Appeals shall be filed with Miss Helen Underdown, Register of Deeds.



GRAND CHAMPION BULL—Trailway Larry, owned by H. Grady Farthing and bred on his Trailway Farm near Boone, who won the grand championship ribbon at the recent Blue Ridge Agricultural Fair. The prize-winning Hereford was sired by MW Prince Larry, 10th, owned by Messrs. James Council and Harry Hamilton of Boone. The dam is a daughter of the Paladin bull, owned by Messrs. Farthing, Hamilton and Council. The champion bull is 15 months old and is a grandson of MW Larry, 37th, one of the highest register of merit bulls in the country.

Art Exhibit Here Next Week

The people of Boone will be offered a unique experience during the week of October 8 through the 12. During this time one hundred and fifty reproductions of fine art masterpieces of French, Italian, Flemish, English, Dutch, Spanish, German, and American schools will be on exhibition at the Appalachian High School auditorium from 7:00 to 9:00 each evening.

The exhibition is being sponsored by the Worthwhile Woman's Club. Members of the club will be on hand to act as hostesses and guides and to supply additional information about the exhibits.

In connection with the exhibition, the libraries of the college, high school, and demonstration school are displaying books and other materials as additional sources of cultural enlightenment. Units of art are being taught in various classes to aid in the appreciation of art. All students will have the opportunity to attend the exhibition in specially arranged matinees. The parents are invited to attend in the evenings and bring their children with them. Those desiring further information are urged to visit the libraries of the three schools.

Infant Clinic

The regular monthly maternal and infant clinic will be held at the health department Monday afternoon, October 8, from 2:00 until 4:00 p. m. Mothers are invited to come and bring their children under six years of age.