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WATAUGA COUNTY
1950 POPULATION 16,341
Leading agricultural and forest products. Livestock, dairying and truck farming of paramount importance. Blue Ridge Parkway traverses county, and boasts 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 business district. A good place to live.

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KING STREET

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HOMECOMING brought many old grads back to their Alma Mater, and the big annual event down at Appalachian came to a roaring climax in the football tilt between the old rivals, the Mountaineers and the Lenoir Rhyne Bears, and is freely admitted on all hands that the high spot of the local grid card, brought the largest crowd to Appalachian Stadium in its history... The traffic on King Street was bumper to bumper in the hour preceding the game... long triple rows moved slowly to the ticket window at the gate, and the stands which hold 2,500 were quickly filled as the crowds poured into the field... Fully as many viewed the game from the road-side of the field, and conservative estimates place the grid fans at six thousand people... Law enforcement officers think it the largest crowd to gather for an event here, and an idea of the congestion may be had by the fact that it took us twenty-five minutes to get through the gate from our home a few hundred yards away... It was a whopping crowd, friendly and gay, and while the Mountaineers failed to tote the ball into pay territory, they put up a good fight, had the folks with them, and the encounter provided a spectacular performance for the fans who gathered in such riotous numbers.

OUR FRIEND GEORGE WILSON, who lives in the beautiful little valley between the Adams neighborhood and Oak Grove, fixes us up with some fine pumpkins, all yellow and ripe and in prime condition for the hearty custards which are of such general importance this time of year... Mr. Wilson knows how to produce the pumpkins, and finds that besides being fine for human consumption they make good cattle feed... He even knows the sex, he says of the gourdlake fruit, and can tell you from which one to plant the seeds to get a bumper yield of the best pie-filling in the land... Mr. Wilson is one of our best farmers, and is constantly improving his rolling acres and adopting more advanced agricultural practices.

WATER SHORTAGE said to be the most serious in the history of the county, or at least, in the memory of those now living. In town the deep well is still supplying enough water, but the supply from the reservoir is almost nil... From the surrounding country comes word that springs and streams have gone dry, and that in many cases water is being hauled from other points with which to carry on the households, and is even being brought in to water the cattle... Dried pastures are not giving the feed usually secured by the cattle breeders, and there is fear in some quarters that many farmers will feel forced to unload cattle they would normally winter, due to the lengthened feeding season.

UNION WORKER drifts around to politics... No he isn't for Senator Taft for President... Says the Ohio Senator, however did the country a fine service in bringing about the passage of the Taft-Hartley act... "we can still strike for higher wages, through prescribed channels, or for other legitimate reasons, but the T-H act stops these 'personal' strikes... one man shutting down an industry, 'count of some petty pique... It's a fine thing for the country and for the workers, too"... Dependent said the union men are satisfied, and predicted no administration change "while times stay good."

WE HEARD A TALE... Seems that an aged resident of the county had a hog—about all we understand, the old man had... Being in need of some cash, he sent the big pig to the stock sale last week... Down at the stockyard, where gather some of the best folks you ever saw, and some of the most generous, word got around, so we were told, about the plight of an old and (Continued on page three)

Blood Plasma Crisis Looms; Bloodmobile Coming October 22



WITH WELFARE DEPARTMENT—Mr. Albert King who recently entered upon his new duties as case worker with the Watauga Welfare Department. Mr. King, who has had special college training in welfare activities, was formerly employed by Radio Station WATA in Boone.

Employment Is Less In Watauga

Average monthly employment in North Carolina for the first quarter of 1951 was 10 percent above that of a year before, but slightly under the average for the last quarter of 1950, it is revealed by Chairman Henry E. Kendall, chairman of the Employment Security Commission of North Carolina. This is employment covered by the Employment Security Law.

Total average monthly employment in January, February and March amounted to 690,022, pulled down some by low employment in January. Average monthly employment in March reached the highest point recorded since October, 1950. Due to high inventories reached in later months, employment probably shows a decline in months since.

Watauga County, in the first quarter of 1951, had average employment of 347 covered workers, which was a loss of 12.81 percent, as compared with the last quarter of 1950. Total wages in this county during the quarter reached \$119,661 with an average weekly wage of \$26.53.

In the five major divisions of employment, the figures for this county follow: construction; average employment, 25; total wages, \$8,735; average weekly wage \$26.88—manufacture: average employment, 51; total wages, \$14,255; average weekly wage, \$21.50—transportation and communication; average employment, 13; total wages, \$6,334—trade: average employment, 175; total wages, \$62,044—finance, insurance and real estate: average employment, 11; total wages, \$4,489—service and other: average employment, 72; total wages, \$23,804.

Payrolls in covered employment for the State in the first quarter of this year amounted to \$441,201,318. This gives an average weekly wage of \$49.18, which is about the first quarter average for several years, but below the last quarter of 1950. This is due to the fact that bonuses, commissions and contingent or incentive pay are frequently distributed at the end of the year.

In major divisions of employment, the figures on average employment, total wages, and average weekly wages for the two principal classifications, are as follows: construction: average employment, 47,341; total wages, \$28,097,279; weekly wage, \$45.65—manufacture: average employment, 428,334; total wages, \$277,265,203; weekly wage, \$49.79—transportation and communication: average employment, 35,096; total wages, \$25,153,478—trade: average employment, 123,044; total wages, \$68,708,853—finance, insurance and real estate: average employment, 16,430; total wages, \$12,961,055—service and other: average employment, 39,757; total wages, \$19,117,450.

August milk production in the United States was the largest for the month since 1946. Production totaled 10.7 billion pounds.

1952 Program For Farms To Begin In County

The 1952 Agricultural Conservation program begins today (Wednesday), it is announced by Dwight Cable, chairman of the Watauga county production and marketing administration.

Any farmer who has not participated in the 1951 program is now eligible for assistance under the 1952 program. Also, any farmer who participated in the 1951 program and has made a full performance report of the practices approved for his farm, and has signed his 1951 application for payment, may apply for assistance.

Assistance to all farmers will be made to the extent of the guide established by the county committee, and it is expected that every farmer in the county will participate during the coming year. County handbooks have been mailed to all farmers and from this handbook the farmer will select the practices best suited to prevent erosion on his farm and improve and conserve the fertility of the soil. The county or community committees will be glad to assist any farmers in any problems that may arise in the selection of their practices.

Farmers who desire to use lime this fall should place their orders early in order that delivery may be made in time for spreading before cold weather sets in. The cost to the farmer will be \$1.10 per ton delivered to the farm or \$1.90 per ton delivered to the farm and spread.

Many Teachers Go To School

According to the records in the Superintendent of County Schools office here the following teachers in Watauga County attended summer school this year:

Bethel—Walter Johnson, Mrs. Joe Todd, A. D. Dickerson and Mrs. Rilla Bates.

Cove Creek High—Mrs. Grace Mast, Mrs. Pearle Horton and Welch Tester.

Valle Crucis—Mrs. Maxie Edmisten, Mrs. Sarah Horton, Mrs. Ruby Michael, Mrs. Grace Campbell, and Mrs. Pricilla Mast.

Cove Creek Elementary—Doughton Greene.

Blowing Rock—Mrs. Beatrice Winkler, Mrs. Grace Beach, Mrs. Helen Yoder, and Carter Lentz.

Deep Gap—Mrs. Kathleen Wellborn.

Green Valley—Miss Maggie Moretz and John Marsh.

Appalachian High—Miss Theo Wells, Mr. William Ross, Mr. Howard Barranger, Mr. Robert Lancaster, and Miss Mabel Brister, all at the local college. Mr. James Leek has been enrolled at Indiana State Teachers College; Mr. Robert Nolan at Springfield College, Springfield, Mass.; Mr. Roy Blanton at the Cook School of Music in Chicago; and Dr. John Shaffer at the University of Kentucky.

Boone Demonstration School—Mrs. Velma Cottrell, Mrs. Grace Buckland and Earl Petery at the local college, and Lavert Walker at Hattisburg, Miss.

Curtis Glenn Dies In Detroit, Mich. News reaches Boone of the sudden death of Curtis Glenn, Watauga native, which occurred in Detroit, Mich. Saturday.

Reins-Sturdivant Funeral Home is returning the body to Boone, and no details are available as this is written.

Baruch warns that growing inflation imperils universities.

Campaign Being Started To Sign Rural Phone Subscribers Here

Coleman Sees Banner Season For Farmers On Burley Mart

Manager Warehouses Hopeful: Sees High Leaf Prices.

Mr. R. C. Coleman, of Tabor City, owner and operator of the Mountain Burley Tobacco Warehouses in Boone, was in town last week, and spoke optimistically about the outlook for the local market and for the farmers who sell their leaf here.

Mr. Coleman expressed the opinion that the outlook for the 1951-52 season is the best in the history of the market, and continued: "The tobacco is good, the quality of the leaf is high. The dry weather of September was ideal for early curing and most of the weed has already passed the danger of damage from wet or foggy weather."

Asked about the government "support" situation, and its probable effect on the burley price structure, Mr. Coleman expressed the opinion that the price should be the best since the founding of the market. Pointing out that the support price is up almost five dollars on the hundred above last year, and with an excellent crop here, and a short one in some other burley sections, Mr. Coleman envisions heightened demand, and correspondingly high prices.

The tobaccoist said that the market will again have a full set of buyers, representing the big companies and many independent concerns.

Mr. Coleman said his houses have so much floor space that the farmers may unload immediately upon arrival, and that if they get it in by noon, they are almost sure to get it sold and receive their checks the same day. This situation aids the local market immeasurably since farmers used to have a wait two or three days to unload on some of the markets.

"Our organization," says Mr. Coleman, "has prided itself on rendering every service to the farmer, whether he had fifty or fifty thousand pounds. We shall continue to work for the best interests of the farmers."

Mrs. Lucielle Wallace Presides at ACE Meet

The executive committee of the Watauga Association for the American Childhood Education was held Thursday afternoon, October 4, in the high school building with Mrs. Lucielle Wallace in charge. Tentative plans for the year were discussed. The first meeting is to be a review of the history and functions of the American Childhood Education, and will be held at the home of Mrs. Grace Council.

The second will feature a guest speaker, and the third an exchange teacher's views on American Childhood Education, while the fourth consists of a music workshop.

The association extends to all teachers interested in American Childhood Education a hearty welcome to join the group.

Center of population moves from Indiana into Illinois.



PRINCESS FLIES TO NORTH AMERICA—Princess Elizabeth of England and Duke Philip of Edinburgh, her husband, are hailed by subjects as they ride through London streets in royal coach before flight to Canada for North American Tour. It was first time a British royal couple had flown the Atlantic. They will visit Washington, D. C., October 31.

Jones Heads Alumni As Old Grads Gather Here

Richmond Minister To Conduct Revival



Dr. T. Rupert Coleman, Pastor of the Ginter Park Baptist Church, Richmond, Virginia will conduct revival services at the First Baptist Church beginning October 22nd.

Bethel 4-H Club Elects Officers

Following are the names of the officers of the Junior 4-H Club of Bethel High School. President, Sue Fletcher; vice-president, Gerald Lawrence; secretary, Rebecca Farthing; treasurer, Sue Hagaman; reporter, Walter McGuire; song leader, Joyce Hagaman; program chairman, Mildred Vines and Len Warren.

The meeting, which was held on Friday, September 28, was adjourned by all members repeating the club pledge together.

Watauga Has 13 Miles New Road

Raleigh, Oct. 9 — Watauga County has 13 miles of new road paving completed in September, Chairman H. W. Jordan of the State Highway Commission reported today.

The newly-surfaced roads are: NC 603 from Watauga River Road to the Avery County line, 3.6 miles in length; From junction of Reese Road to Bethel School, 1.6 miles; From US 221 up Howard's Creek, two miles; Shulls Mills Road to US 221, 4.8; Hodge's Gap Road from US 321 toward Gap in city of Boone, 0.3; Rich Mountain Road in city limits of Boone, 0.1.

The Eighth Highway Division brought 77 miles of road work to completion in September.

Limited tax bill spurs bid to trim military expenditures.

Homecoming Throngs Visit City

By EARLEEN G. PRITCHETT The annual Homecoming Day was celebrated at Appalachian State Teachers college last Saturday, with the one of the biggest crowds in the history of the event attending.

The program officially got under way with the registration of all alumni in the administration building at 12:30. Various projects, sponsored by campus clubs and other groups, were on display all day at many points on the campus. The silver loving cup for the best project went this year to the Business Club.

Second place went to the Future Teachers of America chapter, and third prize to The Pep Club. John Bunch of Statesville is president of the Business Club, Guy Rose of New Bern is president of the Future Teachers, and John Price of Elkin is president of the Pep Club.

Registration was in charge of members of the Student Council. The college was host to the alumni at a tea in the lobby of the administration building, followed their meeting, with several alumnae as official hostesses, including Mrs. Grady Moretz, Mrs.

Rob Rivers, Mrs. Nell Linney, Mrs. Frank Payne, Mrs. Stewart Winkler, Mrs. Ray Estes.

The Home Economics Department held open house as did White Hall Dormitory. An informal reception was sponsored by the International Relations Club in front of the library, with refreshments, places for people to sit and rest, and the Physical Education department reception was held in the Women's Gymnasium.

The Playcrafters added to the enjoyment of the occasion with the presentation of two one-act

plays during the afternoon.

Highlight of Homecoming activities was the football game between Appalachian and Lenoir Rhyne college, attended by one of the largest crowds that had ever been to a football game at the college.

The day ended with a formal dance in the men's gymnasium under the sponsorship of the Playcrafters. The college dance band, directed by Louie Deviney, furnished music for the dance.

Louis-Marciano bout transferred to Garden on Oct. 26.

575 Rural Subscribers Needed to Start REA Program.

Mr. T. G. Miller, Jr., field representative of the REA in Raleigh, is in the county instituting a campaign to sign up subscribers for the cooperative telephone service under the Skyline Telephone Membership Corporation's plan.

Mr. Miller is enlisting the support of the business men of the community in the telephone expansion effort, and states that 575 subscribers will be needed in the western part of the county, in order to secure telephone service. He says that the Bell System plans to take care of at least part of the need in the eastern section of the county.

Under the co-op plan, the subscriber pays \$10 down, and \$24 when construction on the telephone lines starts. Eight-party service will cost the subscriber \$3.25 per month, he said. A modern dial system will be used and only the phone of the party wanted, rings when a call is made.

The Skyline Corporation was organized to serve Watauga, Ashe and Alleghany counties, and the organization has an option on the Watauga Telephone Co. of this county.

A group of farmers and business men is being organized to get the telephone signers in the shortest possible time. A list of these solicitors will be published next week.

Many Wataugans Attend College

Records in the registrar's office at Appalachian State Teachers College reveal that the following students from Watauga county are in attendance there for the fall quarter:

From Boone — Bill Aldridge, Joanne B. Aldridge, Nora Austin, Shirley M. Barnett, Marshall L. Barlow, Ted M. Barnett, William Riley Blackburn, Colene Bolick, Cleo Elizabeth Bolick, Martha Hardin Bolling, Ernest D. Brown, Homer F. Brown, Roscoe Brown, Jr., Clifton P. Calloway, W. O. Cleary.

William J. Crawford, Mrs. Ruth Atkinson Cuddy, Mrs. Lovely M. Danner, Jean Carol Denny, James Edmiston, Charles Driver, David Edmisten, Jo Allen Edmisten, Isabel Eggers, Mrs. Elsie Erneston, John Farthing, L. G. Flick, J. Clyde Fox.

James B. Graham, Clyde Greene, James A. Greene, Thomas L. Greene, Marjorie Greer, Von Hagaman, Ruby W. Hartley, Jack L. Hardie, Doris S. Harmon, Ralph Hodges, Betsy June Hughes, Barbara Jones, John Paul Jones, Nathaniel S. Jones, Clyde Kilby, Ernest David Lyons, Sue Ann Marion, Lou A. Burleson Marfin, Robert L. Martin, Arlene Mast, James B. Miller, Mrs. Lola Miller, Rebecca Moore, John W. Moretz, Elmo Moretz, Jack D. Neal, Jr., Nell Norris, Neva Ann Norris, Corly Owensley, Sallie Penick, Lawrence Phillips, Lynn B. Qualls, Martha Jane Qualls, Spencer Qualls, Bobby Gene Ray.

Margaret Evelyn Ray, Mrs. Ruth A. Ray, Douglas C. Redmond, Allen Richardson, Thomas Richardson, Lloyd L. Rogers, Zeb V. Shook, Reba Smith, Marjorie South, Arville L. Stanley, James W. Stanley, Ralph Thompson, Lois V. Townsend, Mrs. Lucille Barnett, Rilla Bates, John H. Bingham, Richard Bingham, Mrs. Velma H. Cottrell, Mary Sue Todd, Mrs. Helen E. Trexler, Mrs. J. T. C. Wright, Mrs. Arlee J. Younce.

Shulls Mills—Martha Austin; Mary Austin, Guy Lail. Sugar Grove—Eva Nell Banner, Marie Greene Hodges, Benjamin Mast, Iva Jean Robertson, Carolyn Sherwood, Vance Vines, Walter R. Johnson, Mrs. Grace B. Mast, Shirley Mast.

Blowing Rock—Patricia Bolick, Geneva Coffey, Suzanne Coffey, McDonald Cook, Evaline Hampton, Granville Hartley, Edwin Holder, E. Kathryn Miller, Horace R. Prevatte, Keith Story. (Continued on page four)

Evening of Fun Is Set for Cove Creek

The Junior class of Cove Creek High School is sponsoring an evening of entertainment on Friday, October 12 at 7:30 in the school gymnasium.

The event, called "Family Fun Night," will consist of games, contests, prizes, refreshments, and a short humorous skit. Individual admissions will be 9 cents, 15 cents, and 25 cents. An entire family will be admitted for fifty cents.