

# WATAUGA DEMOCRAT

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**WATAUGA COUNTY**  
1850 POPULATION 1891  
Leading agricultural and tourist area. Livestock, dairy 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 2,973  
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 bus lines district. A good place to live.

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## King Street

BY ROBERT RIVERS



NEVER BEFORE has this town carried a photograph and it is through the courtesy of Mayor Gordon Winkler that we have today a King Street precedent by publishing a picture of two old friends. On the left is our good friend John E. Brown, deceased, who was one of the leading lawyers here a few years ago, an astute Democratic politician, and a mighty

good fellow. John E. Brown, in characteristic pose, is passing the time of day with the late Pink Baddwin, and no doubt enjoying, as all the folks did, the tall tales of Uncle Pink, who came to believe that he inhabited the earth before Adam, who allegedly was a good friend of George Washington when he was building the Mount Vernon estate, and who figured as how one of his sons in England had the good fortune to marry the daughter of the King. We, John E. Brown, Gordon Winkler, A. W. Smith, and others who lived here in Uncle Pink's day reveled in these tales, told and retold, until they were pretty near hoarse or foolproof, and the rugged mountain man who always leaned on the crooked stick he could find, is quoted daily in this locality.

THE PICTURE OF PINK, right at the time folks are beginning to look backward a bit into the history of the region, count of the coming historical drama, brings to mind some of the grizzled resident's stories of the settling of this area. According to Pink, but contrary to some of the others who have studied the matter, there were Indians here, world without end, tribes upon tribes, when he came to the wooded hills of Carolina. First, said Pink, there were the Giants, who ranged down from the height of a towering hemlock tree, to maybe twenty or thirty feet. "When we killed the giants," said Pink, "there came the Indians." It seemed, in those days, there were, in addition to the standard yellow Injun, who looks good only on a calendar lithograph, the white Indians, who lived in large numbers down on the Yadkin, and the Black Hawks—one side Black and the other white. Asked what come of this latter breed, which hadn't been mentioned in recorded history, Pink allowed as how "we killed 'em, all of them, and buried 'em down near old Wilkesboro."

## March Dimes Drive Starts Today: Many To Aid Polio Fight

March of Dimes chairman and committee have been appointed in preparation for the 1952 apical which commences today and continues to the end of the month. It was announced today by Jack Ide, county campaign director. "The March of Dimes program for 1952 has been doubled to meet the serious financial crisis in the polio organization," Mr. Ide noted. "We have organized our full state committee early and now have the nucleus to build our most successful year program."

"The longer campaign was necessitated by the rising tide of polio across the nation. There have been more cases in the past four years than in the previous ten years combined. Whereas our national average polio toll was 10,000 that average has more than tripled in the past four years. The National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis has named each of the past four years as 'Childhood 1951' in 1951."

## Jonathan Tugman, 12 Shot On Hunting Trip

Jonathan Todd Tugman, 12 years old, a son of Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Tugman of Boone, was fatally injured when his shotgun was accidentally discharged as he and his father hunted rabbits in the Laxon neighborhood Saturday.

## Clayton Greene Suicides

Clayton Greene, 41 resident of the Poplar Grove section, committed suicide by hanging at the barn of Hiram Dutton last Friday, and although he was found within fifteen minutes of the time the tragedy was believed to have occurred, efforts at resuscitation were fruitless.

## Dr. M. A. Huggins To Speak Here

Dr. M. A. Huggins, general secretary of North Carolina Baptists, will speak to the congregation of the First Baptist Church Sunday morning following the annual business meeting at 10:30 o'clock. He will officially launch a training period on Sunday evenings in January.

## Sing, Dance To Feature Polio Drive

Number Events Are Slated To Bolster Receipts from Polio Campaign.

The annual "President's Ball" will feature the March of Dimes campaign since its beginning will be held at the Appalachian High School January 31, according to tentative plans. The First Night program also will support the fund this year and the president of the organization, A. E. Hendry, Jr., will move the committee to work out the details for the peace of the campaign.

## Mrs. Miriam Rabb Publicity Leader

Mrs. Miriam Glover Rabb was employed as publicity director of the Southern Appalachian Historical Association, which is to produce an outdoor historical drama here next summer at a meeting of the board of directors of the organization held Monday, and is opening her office in the Building and Loan building to the public.

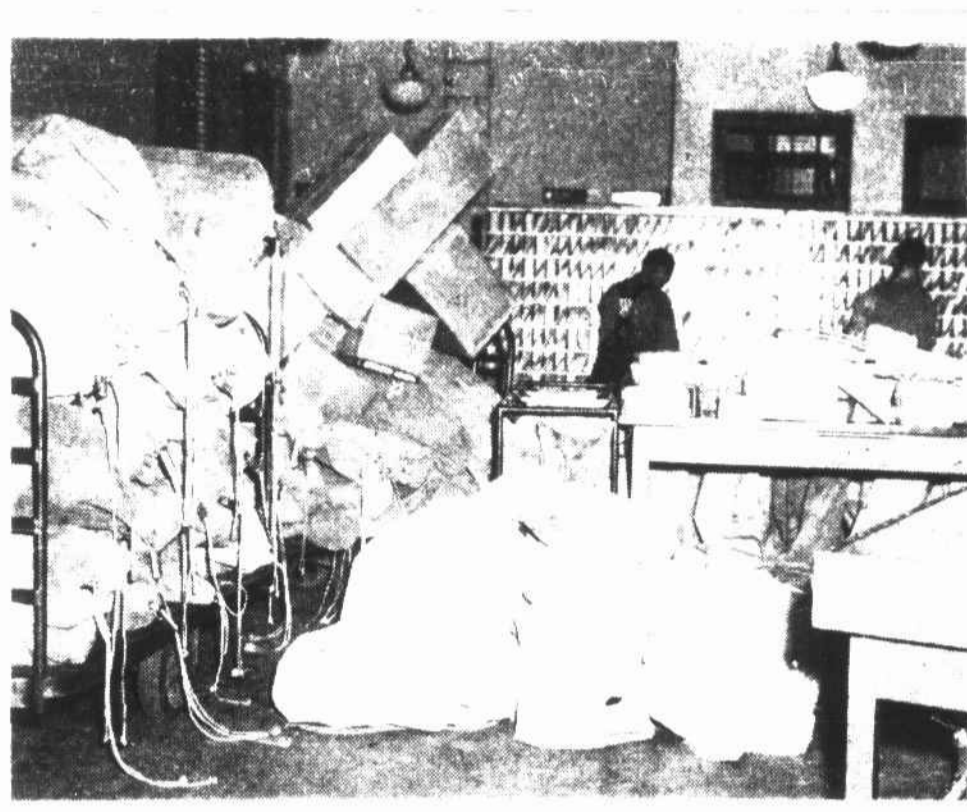
## OPS Agent To Be In Boone Tuesday

Mr. Eugene Mason, OPS agent for the Boone district, will be in Boone Tuesday afternoon, according to the office of the Boone Methodist Association, Tuesday afternoon, January 7.

## County Agent Speaks In Behalf Of Horse Clinic

Mr. Tuckwiler gives additional advice to farmers on care of workstock and equipment. An Extension Bureau carefully out, and tax are needed repairs now.

# Watauga's Farm Income For 1951 Set At \$2,587,000



HOLIDAY RUSH—A corner of the workroom at the Boone postoffice, showing some of the huge volume of mail which was handled during Christmas.—Photo by Paul Weston.

## Pfc. Coy E. Banner Dies In Korean War

Pfc. Coy E. Banner, 21, of Boone, N. C., was killed in action in Korea November 29, 1951, while serving as a medic in the 24th Infantry Regiment, 24th Infantry Division, U. S. Army. He was the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Banner, 101 N. 1st St., Boone, N. C.

## Ladies' Night at Boone C. of C.

The ladies' night at the Boone C. of C. will be held at the Boone C. of C. on Friday, January 4, 1952, at 7:30 o'clock. The program will include a social hour, a play, and a dance.

## Burley Sales To Be Resumed Here

Burley sales in Boone will be resumed on the 15th of January, according to the Boone C. of C. The sales will be held at the Boone C. of C. and will include a social hour, a play, and a dance.

## Postal Cards 2 Cents

The one-cent postal cards, which had been one of the principal items at U. S. postoffices for 75 years, faded away with the old year, and the new 2-cent card will be ready for sale when the Postoffices open after the New Year's holiday.

## County Farm Agent Gives Out Estimate: Livestock Leads Farm Income with Receipts of \$800,000.

The farm income for Watauga county during the year 1951, has been estimated at \$2,587,000, says County Agent L. E. Tuckwiler, who points out that while the figure is an estimate, it was arrived at after conferences with leading dealers and farmers, and should be considered reasonably accurate.

## Postal Receipts Show Increase

Postal receipts in Boone for the year 1951 showed a 10% increase over 1950. The increase was due to a number of factors, including a decrease in the number of letters and an increase in the number of parcels.

## Mrs. Edith Roark Taken by Death

Mrs. Edith Roark, 65, of Boone, N. C., died Wednesday, January 2, 1952, at her home in Boone, N. C.

## Hillard Has Best Producing Bovine

Mr. Hillard has the highest producing cow tested for the month of December. She produced 134 pounds of 4.5% milk and 60 pounds of butterfat for a total of \$87.70.

## Thirteen Students Honored at Service

Thirteen college students of Boone home for the holidays, and the student choir from the First Baptist Church composed largely of college students and directed by Miss Nell Norris, conducted the first union student recognition ever held in Boone at the Advent Church Sunday night. The meeting was a significant one and largely attended.

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