

BOONE
1950 POPULATION 2,870
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 DEMOCRAT

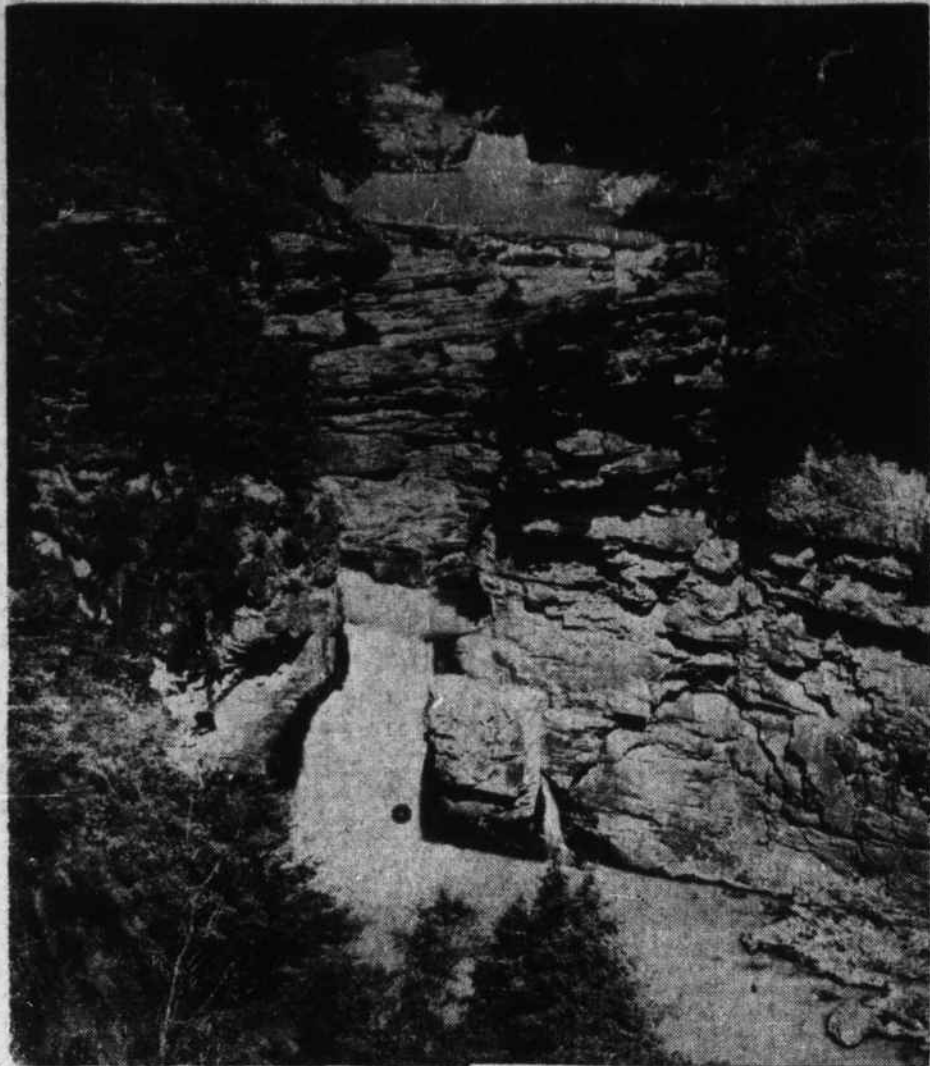
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WATAUGA COUNTY
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Leading agricultural and tourist area. Livestock, dairying and truck farming of paramount importance. Blue Ridge Parkway traverses county, and southern Blowing Rock, one of the principal Summer resorts of Eastern America.

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LINVILLE FALLS, already one of Western Carolina's top scenic attractions, is destined to attract even more visitors under National Park Service administration as a Blue Ridge Parkway recreational area. The falls, where Linville River drops a distance of 150 feet, is to be given the Park Service by John D. Rockefeller, Jr.—(Photo Asheville Citizen-Times.)

Linville Falls Is Given To Blue Ridge Parkway

KING STREET

BY ROB RIVERS

PENNIES VS. POLIO
NICKIE WILLIAMS, four and a half years old, of Shulls Mills, had been saving pennies for a whole year, dropping them, one by one, in a quart fruit jar. The other day when the Lions Club was conducting the coin board down at the Bank corner, seeking money with which to fight polio, here came the little boy with pretty near a quart of pennies—800 of them—which he plunked down to swell the March of Dimes total. The little lad says he prefers to put his "candy money" in the fight against the grim crippler—a mighty fine decision on the part of a mighty fine youngster!

A LOT OF GROWN UPS might take note of this act of generosity on the part of a little child. Maybe it will tend to loosen them up a bit on this infantile paralysis fight. It's going to take a heap of pennies and of dimes and dollars to swell the fund over the nation to the point that it can cope successfully with the increase in the disease, which tragically enough, strikes infinitely more children than adults. Some of our own Watauga county children are still being treated by the Infantile Paralysis Foundation, others may be stricken, and if only for selfish reasons, it should be relatively easy to raise the local quota. Let's make our March of Dimes contributions now. Ahead of all the other gifts we intend to make. It's a preferred obligation, or rather we should say, privilege.

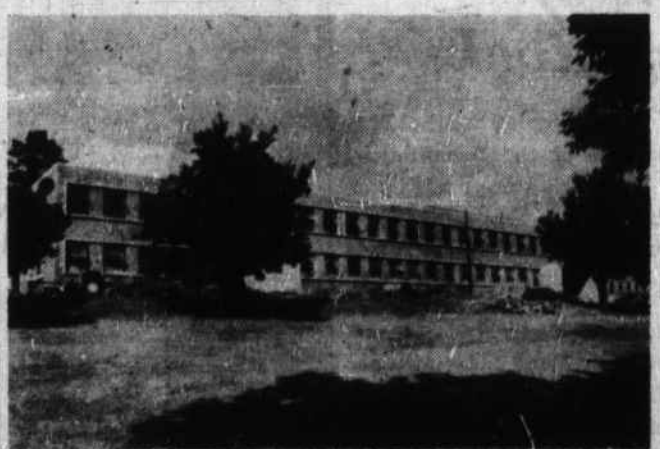
A FINE RECORD
Mr. Fred Hatley, of Shulls Mills, who hauled milk for Coble Dairies till the business was taken over by the Yadkin Valley Dairy Cooperative, and who continues gathering up the lactical fluid for the new concern, was in town the other day, and tells the Democrat that he has rounded up the milk cans from the head of Watauga River to Cove Creek for nine long years. (Continued on page two)

Roanoke, Va., Jan. 12—Plans to add Linville Falls, one of North Carolina's biggest drawing scenic spots, to the Blue Ridge Parkway were announced here today. The announcement was made by Sam P. Weems, superintendent of the parkway. He said the acquisition of Linville Falls by the National Park Service, which administers the parkway, is being made possible through the donation of about \$100,000 by John D. Rockefeller Jr. The world famous New York financier has given millions for the development of national parks throughout the country. His five million dollar gift was a major factor in the establishment of the Great Smoky Mountain National Park in North Carolina and Tennessee where the scenic parkway ends. The gift was made in memory of his mother, Laura Spelman Rockefeller. Weems said the donation for Linville Falls was made after

Rockefeller drove over the parkway "a year or so ago." He explained that Rockefeller "was impressed by the beauty of this area and with the desirability of adding the 150-falls near Table Rock and Hawks Bill, well known landmarks that tower majestically on the east rim of Linville Gorge to the parkway." Weems explained that in the early days of planning the 500-mile Blue Ridge Parkway that connects the Shenandoah National Park in Virginia with the Great Smoky Park the "striking scenic and recreational aspects of both Linville Falls and Linville Gorge were recognized." Since then, the forest service of the Department of Agriculture has acquired part of the Gorge and designated it the Linville Gorge Wild Area. Linville Falls and a "very scenic part of the Gorge, however, remained in private ownership until Mr. Rockefeller donated the funds to the Federal government. (Continued on page two.)

Music And Arts Building At College Now Being Occupied

By EARLEEN G. PRITCHETT
After being in makeshift quarters for five years, the music and art departments of Appalachian State Teachers college moved into the new fine arts building at the college last week. A fire, some five years ago, completely destroyed the building housing these two departments, together with all equipment. The fine arts building covers 31,346 square feet, with a frontage of 281.6 feet. It was built at a cost of more than \$300,000 and is the third in a series of building projects costing \$3,500,000 at the college. There are sixteen practice rooms in the new building to provide for individual practice sessions. Recitals and concerts hereafter will be given in the spacious auditorium with a seating capacity of 507 and a stage which is capable of seating a 100-piece orchestra or band. The special band rehearsal room and a permanent orchestra rehearsal room are provided in the new building. There is also a separate rehearsal room for the chorus. In addition, there are private studios for all



MUSIC AND ARTS BUILDING
members of the music faculty, and adequate storage space for instruments, music library, and materials. The art students will occupy five rooms in the new building, and the new facilities will make it possible to add industrial arts to the art curriculum. Projection machinery, mimeograph machines, and other needed facilities are included in the new equipment for the building. The rooms of the building have been painted in pastel colors, with special coloring chosen for each room to take advantage of the direction of light exposure and other technical difficulties. It is one of the most beautiful buildings on the Appalachian campus. The public is invited to inspect this latest addition to the college's facilities.

Many Buy Bonds To Aid Cause Of Outdoor Drama

Thirty local firms and individuals have agreed to buy one thousand dollars each in bonds of the Southern Appalachian Historical Association, as the nucleus of the fund which is being raised with which to produce Kermit Hunter's outdoor drama, featuring the life of Daniel Boone, and the history of this mountain region. The auspicious start of the financial campaign was revealed at a meeting of the organization held Monday evening, and the names of the thousand dollar subscribers were released, as follows: H. W. Wilcox, Boone Drug Co., Estel Wagoner, Farmers Hardware & Supply Co., Ralph Winkler, Appalachian Theatre, G. C. Robbins, WATA, Watauga Building & Loan Association, Colvard Chevrolet Co., George Greene, Northwestern Bank, Guy Hunt, Grady Farthing, Stanley A. Harris, a Friend, Gordon Winkler, Dr. W. M. Matheson, Belk's Department Store, Dr. Lawrence Owsley, Charlie Wilcox, Cottrell & Cottrell, Drs. Glenn and Harmon, Mr. and Mrs. B. W. Sailings, James Storie, Gwyn Gambill, Dr. Len Hagaman, Frank M. Payne, Boone Tobacco Board of Trade. Solicitors were busily engaged the first of the week, contacting other likely investors, with a view to meeting the financial needs of the organization as quickly as possible.

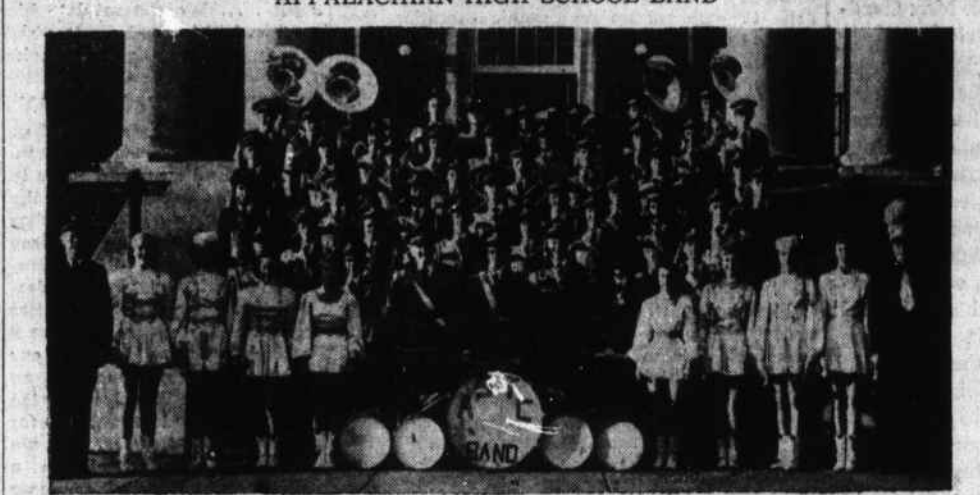
Dimes Singing Prospects Good

Mounting interest is being shown in the county-wide March of Dimes quartet singing to be held here January 26, and indications are that this year's event will draw a larger attendance than the record-breaking number which came out last year. Since large numbers were turned away last year, present plans are for holding the singing at the courthouse and at the High School Auditorium simultaneously, starting at 7:30 o'clock, and the vocalists will rotate between the two places, so that everyone attending the songfest will hear all the numbers, whether he goes to the courthouse or the school. Information is that all the quartets of Watauga county will be on hand, with many other counties in the State being represented, from as far away as Buncombe. Others from Virginia will be here, it is said. Mr. Watt H. Gragg and Mr. Alfred T. Adams will act as masters of ceremonies. The committee in charge is composed of J. Allen Gragg, John F. Cook and Richard Hodges. On the basis of preliminary 1950 census figures, the REA estimates that on June 30, 1951, 84.2 per cent of U. S. farms has central station electricity.

Hundred Band Students To Attend Music Clinic



APPALACHIAN HIGH SCHOOL BAND



APPALACHIAN STATE TEACHERS COLLEGE BAND

Thirty-two High Schools Represented in Band Clinic To Be Held Here Friday and Saturday; New Music and Arts Building To Be Used.

Preparations have now been completed for the All-State High School Band Clinic (Western Division) which will be held in the new Music and Arts Building on the campus of Appalachian State Teachers College, Friday and Saturday. One hundred of the finest young high school band students in the state will participate in the two day festivities. These students represent 32 high schools in Western North Carolina. Roy Blanton and Gordon Nash, co-chairmen of the affair, are being assisted by Nicholas Erneston and William Spencer, of the college music faculty, in making the clinic a success. Also assisting are several committees made up of college students of the music department. These committees are as follows: Housing, chairman, Ted Barnett; Entertainment, chairman, Reba Smith; Decoration, chairman, Tommy Hauss; Poster and Bulletin Boards, chairman, Helen Winkler; Ushers, Giles Salvo; and Properties, chairman, Bob Love.

The following high school bands are being represented: Newton-Conover, Elkin, Waynesville, Cullowhee, Gray High School, Hanes High School, and Reynolds High School of Winston-Salem, Rutherfordton, Forest City, Cliffsides, Harris, Catoen, Morganton, Walkertown, Kernersville, Marion, Mineral Springs, Glen Alpine, Hendersonville, Hildebrink, Jamestown, Drexel, Hickory, Canton, Franklin, Griffith, North Wilkesboro, Valdese, Wilkesboro, Asheville, High Point, Mt. Airy and Boone. Registration will begin at 9:00 a. m. Friday morning. The students will rehearse throughout most of the day until 5:00 p. m. at which time they will be transported to the homes of the townspeople who have generously volunteered to provide lodging for them. Later that evening, the students and their directors are to be guests of the college for the evening meal in the college cafeteria. Following this meal, the (Continued on page two.)

Northwestern Bank Has New Record Of Growth

North Wilkesboro, N. C. Jan. 11 — The Northwestern Bank reached a new high in resources during 1951. President B. B. Dougherty of Boone reported to stockholders in annual meeting here at the home office of the bank, which has branches in 16 other northwestern North Carolina cities and towns. Dr. Dougherty, who in addition to being president of the rapidly growing financial institution is a pioneer educator and president of Appalachian State Teachers College in Boone, informed the well attended stockholders meeting that resources of the bank had grown from \$2,775,590.59 on December 31, 1937, to \$39,009,300.18 as of December 31, 1951. In the same period, he said, the capital and unallocated reserve account increased from \$270,652.73 to \$3,145,152.81. Now, he said, the reserve and capital accounts are the highest in the history of the bank. He stated that the capital and reserve account for the bank would compare favorably with that of any bank in the state. Stockholders elected the following directors: W. B. Austin of Jefferson, Ralph Duncan, C. A. Lowe, C. O. McNeil and N. B. Smyth of North Wilkesboro; W. C. Berry of Bakersville; J. D. Brinkley of Valdese; R. L. Doughton of Sparta; D. C. Duncan of Sparta; C. E. Fox of Hickory; G. M. Kirkpatrick of Taylorsville; John C. McBeck, Sr., of Spruce Pine; W. W. Mast of Valle Crucis; R. L. Presnell of Burnsville; C. A. Peterson of Spruce Pine; M. E. Reeves of Laurel Springs; Wade H. Shuford of Hickory; C. L. Whisman of Hickory; Gordon H. Winkler of Boone and Herbert M. Yount of Newton. Directors re-elected Dr. Dougherty president; Edwin Duncan of Sparta, executive vice president; W. B. Greene of Kingsport, Tenn., and Wade H. Shuford of Hickory, vice presidents; D. V. Deal of North Wilkesboro secretary. W. D. Farthing of Boone was elected a vice president; E. P. Bell of Wilkesboro as auditor; and C. C. Roper, Jr., of North Wilkesboro, manager of the credit department. The Northwestern Bank operates branches at Sparta, Boone, Blowing Rock, Bakersville, Burnsville, Jefferson, Taylorsville, Valdese, Spruce Pine, Black Mountain, Old Fort, Newton, Maiden, Hickory, Stony Point and Wilkesboro.

Maj. Thomas Clear Is Taken By Death

Retired Army Officer Dies at Blowing Rock; Other News of That City.
By MRS. LUCILE LETT
Major Thomas Leroy Clear, retired, died at Blowing Rock Hospital January 9 following a long illness. Funeral services, under direction of Reins-Sturdivant of Boone, were conducted from the home here in Blowing Rock on Friday morning with Rev. Thomas C. Seitz in charge. Burial was in the Clear family plot in Washington, D. C. Major Clear was born in Washington, D. C. on February 5, 1869 the son of Robert Leroy Clear and Rose Bradley Clear. He was a graduate of Dental Surgeon of George Washington University, Washington, D. C. in the class of 1901 and resided in Washington and Chicago until 1908 when he was appointed to the Panama Canal at Panama as Collector of the Port and treasurer of the Panama Rail-

road. Major Clear held this appointment until 1918 when he was commissioned as Major Inspector General of the U. S. Army, following which he served with the A. E. F. in Europe from the summer of 1918 until the fall of 1920. After demobilization of the A. E. F. Major Clear returned to Panama to his former position there. He was commissioned Major in the Regular U. S. Army in October 1920. In October 1921 Major Clear resigned from the U. S. Army to become treasurer United States Shipping Board and Emergency Fleet Corporation as a member of the Board, returning to Washington, D. C. to live. He resigned from this position in June 1924 to become Treasurer of Consolidated Railroads of Cuba where he remain until being retired by the Consolidated Railroads of Cuba in March 1942. During this (Continued on page 3, 2nd sec.)

William P. Cook, 83, Dies at Shady Valley

William Patrick Cook, 83 years old, a former resident of Watauga county, was found dead Friday January 11, near his home at Shady Valley, Tenn. He had been in failing health for several years. Mr. Cook was a native of Watauga county, but had resided in Tennessee for 52 years. Funeral services were conducted Sunday at 2 o'clock at the upper Shady Valley Baptist Church by Rev. Ben Wood and Rev. A. N. Blevins. Interment was in the Woods cemetery. Surviving are the widow, the former Miss Sarah Stone; one brother, T. M. Cook of Blowing Rock, and several nieces and nephews.

Phone Line To Deep Gap Soon To Be Completed

Mr. H. M. Inabinet, group manager of the Southern Bell Telephone Co. stated that construction of a line to the Deep Gap section will soon be completed and 70 new telephones will be connected soon thereafter. Mr. Inabinet declared the total number of telephones now serving Boone is two and one half times or 162 per cent greater than the number in use at the end of World War II. Telephone facility expansion in the community was part of a State of North Carolina program that totals approximately 23,000 telephones gained during 1951. There are now 348,000 telephones in service which is more than twelve times the number in service in the state six years ago. This required an expenditure in the state of \$74,000,000 during the six-year period, \$14,000,000 of which was spent in the state by Southern Bell during the year just ended, Mr. Inabinet said.

Rural expansion in the state included the installation of 10,000 telephones during 1951. These telephones now total 56,000, which is about three times the number operated by the company six years ago, he said. One of the big objectives of the company is adding telephones for farmers, Mr. Inabinet said. "The company is aware that, in spite of good overall progress in the state during 1951, a large number of unfiled applications for telephone service are on hand. This demand largely is a result of the economic growth of the state. We are working hard at the job of meeting full telephone service needs," Mr. Inabinet said. "Southern Bell's activities in connection with civilian telephone needs were carried forward in a year in which the greatest military defense demand since the war were also met," he added.

Southern Supply Co. Buys Local Business

The Mast Supply Co. of this city, was sold Thursday to the Southern Supply Company. The new store will be under the supervision of Mr. J. C. Cline, who will also continue to manage the Western Auto Store. The new establishment, operating under the name of Southern Supply Co., will be, says Mr. Cline, a cut rate retail manufacturers' outlet for household goods, electrical appliances, paints, etc. Mr. Cline states that the store is also the authorized dealer for the General Electric line of appliances and radios.

Joseph Transou

Mr. Joseph Transou, son of the late Mr. Will Transou and Mrs. Tensie Transou of Greensboro, and nephew of Miss Billie Todd of Jefferson, died in a Richmond, Va. hospital last Thursday following a long illness. Funeral services were held in Richmond, Va. Saturday, and burial was there also.