

BOONE
1950 POPULATION 2,976
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 18,541
Leading agricultural and tourist area. Livestock, dairy and truck farming of paramount importance. Blue Ridge Parkway traverses county and traverses Blue Ridge, one of the greatest beauty spots of Eastern America.

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DRAMA SITE—Scene taken at the site leased for the presentation of the outdoor drama, "Horn in the West." Arrow points to the approximate center of the principal stage. The location is on the Jim Winkler farm in East Boone, and includes 35 acres, which will give ample room for the stage, the seating arrangements and for the parking of some hundreds of automobiles.—Photo by Palmer's Photo Service.

KING STREET BY ROB RIVERS

CHIX AND RETIREMENT
Have often wondered why it is that raising chickens seems to be the ambition of so many folks, if and when the ship comes in, and they are retired to the fields of clover . . . It's a fair even money bet that more than half the folks one meets, if questioned on retirement, envision the little house in the country, alongside the colorless chicken coop . . . Fact is, we've heard this prescription for old-age happiness so often that we even catch ourselves peering into the crystal ball and seeing a domineering rooster staring us in the face . . . A few years ago we set to wondering whether this anxiety to raise chickens when the days of toil are gone, is peculiar to mountain men, so we fell into conversation with a merchant in one of the great cities . . . He had always sold stuff . . . contributed a shoe store to the depression, and had made his way slowly back up the rungs of the economic ladder . . . "Am setting right pretty now," he said, "Never got my business back, but have made good working for the other fellow . . . Have a pretty good backlog of social security benefits coming some of these days, and have an eye on a little patch of God's good earth down in the southern part of the State . . . When my step falls, and the going's too tough, I'll hie away to the cottage on the farm, and just monkey around . . . and probably raise a few chickens."

FROM DARK CONTINENT
A fellow in Nigeria, has heard of us and writes from Africa to Boone, so that we may publish same, and maybe get for him a European friend . . . The message comes from Moses Adeyemi Jones, 24 Omididum St., Lagos, Nigeria. E. W. A., and although our European readers are a bit on the scarce side, we gladly publish the letter:

"DEAR VENERABLE EDITOR: Your name and address was given me by one of my best friends in Lagos and he told me that you are a good Editor. So I quickly made up my mind and set up my table to write these few lines . . . Hope you will forgive my writing, and hope my letter will be considered . . . I am very sorry to tell you that since when I have been in Lagos, I have never had an English friend . . . I want you to help me by putting my name and address in your newspaper. So perhaps by that method I can get an European friend, whether boy or girl . . . I shall be waiting for your own good reply, for I know that you will help me by publishing my name in your newspaper . . . I want you to make your objection on my letter be grateful answered." . . . So, Moses, there you are . . . Your best bet is that some of the kids from the States will write you . . . And they might find out about it in Europe since . . . After all, you (Continued on page five)

'Horn In West' Drama Have Premiere June 27

Scout Week Program Begins Here On Sunday

App Cagers In Win Over A. C.

The Appalachian State basketball team, fired up over a close loss to Western Carolina, moved back into North State Conference title contention with a convincing, 93-60, victory over Atlantic Christian College here last Thursday night.

Preston Collins directed Appalachian's dazzling scoring parade by whipping in 25 points. The Francisco pivotman bagged eight field goals and nine foul tosses. Jimmy Mast of Cove Creek and John Pyecha racked up 19 and 12 points respectively. Joe Hunt and Len Stokes hit 10 courtiers apiece to share in the scoring act.

Appalachian piled up a bulging 22-11 advantage at the end of the first quarter and they coasted the remaining distance. The Mountaineers, losers to Western Carolina 84-80 last week, held a 42-34 margin at intermission.

The Mountaineers seared the nets for 28 points in the closing quarter to climax the rout. Coach Hoover substituted freely throughout the contest and his reserves obliged by burning up the nets.

George Shiffner, towering A. C. C. center, led the Christian scoring with 20 points before fouling out late in the third quarter.

A total of 57 fouls were called in the rough contest. Three of Atlantic Christian's starting five fouled out in the late stages.

The annual observance of Scout Week in Boone will begin Sunday night with a union service of churches in the First Baptist Church at 7:30 o'clock. Rev. E. T. Troutman will be the speaker and Dr. C. Ray Lawrence will emphasize the "Campaign Among the Churches."

Highlight of Scout Week, which is to observe the 42nd national anniversary of Scouting in America, will be a banquet Friday night, February 8, in Fellowship Hall at the Methodist Church, to which all Scouts, their parents and friends are invited. A movie will be shown following the banquet, which will be of particular importance to all those in Boone interested in the Scouting program.

At the Sunday night service, Dick Lavendar, program chairman, will preside. Russell Hodges, Sr., will ask for the offering which will be applied on the local Scout hut enlargement program.

Order of the union service has been announced as follows:

Processional by Jody Shackford; Hymn by the congregation, "Star Spangled Banner"; Candleabra service by the Scouts; congregational hymn, "Lead On, O King Eternal"; Scripture by S. G. Tugman, Jr.; Prayer by Billy Rush; Meditation by Rev. Troutman; Explanation of church loyalty campaign, Dr. Lawrence, offering emphasized by Mr. Hodges; and Taps, for benediction.

N. C. Press Meet At Blowing Rock

The North Carolina Press Association, at its closing session in Chapel Hill Saturday, voted to hold its summer convention at Mayview Manor, Blowing Rock, July 17-19.

This is the third time that the press group has met in Blowing Rock. Sessions were held at Mayview in 1922, 1930, and 1938. The policy of the association is to rotate the sessions between the mountains and the sea coast. The 1951 meeting was held at Wrightsville Beach.

State Tax Man To Be Here Feb. 20

Mr. W. H. Lee, State collector of revenue, will be in the grand jury room in the courthouse February 20 and 21 for the purpose of assisting income taxpayers in filing their returns. He will be assisted in this work by Mr. W. A. Hood.

Ramey asserts F-86 jet is superior to Russian MIG-15.

Parker Speaks To Local C. Of C.

A joint meeting of the Boone Chamber of Commerce and the Merchants Association was recently held in the basement of the First Baptist Church here in Boone with the main speaker Mr. Charles Parker, director North Carolina Department of Conservation and Development, from Raleigh, N. C.

Mr. Parker indicated to the gathering of the tremendous possibilities afforded the people of this area through which nationwide publicity could be achieved. His remarks regarding the future outdoor drama "Horn In The West" were most encouraging, as he said, "it will be one of the greatest assets to Northwestern North Carolina."

Mr. Watt Gragg directed the installation of the new board of directors of the Chamber of Commerce with inspiring words to work together in building a better community.

Hens on U. S. farms made a good record in 1951. They averaged 170 eggs each during the year. The rate in 1950 was 167, and the average rate is 150.

Definite Date Set For Opening; Pledges Reach \$46,275.

The date for the presentation of the outdoor drama, "Horn in the West," has been definitely set at June 27 to August 31, it was announced Monday, following a meeting of the Southern Appalachian Historical Association.

Kermit Hunter is engaged in preparing the script, and work on the theatre is to start as soon as weather conditions will permit.

\$46,275 Pledged
Monday evening at the meeting of the finance committee, it was revealed that \$46,275 had been pledged to the association for the production of the drama, and that 121 members are now on the rolls of the association.

Those who have recently signed thousand dollar pledges are: Daniel Boone Hotel, Linville Co., by Hugh Morton, Wilmington; McCoy Moretz, Charlotte; Mrs. J. F. Cannon, Concord and Blowing Rock; Mrs. Robert Garvey, Blowing Rock; J. E. Broyhill, Lenoir; Jerry Coe, Boone.

Mr. Stanley A. Harris, chairman of the finance committee, has set a goal of \$50,000 for the meeting next Monday evening.

State Tax Blanks At Democrat Office

The Democrat has on hand a supply of State income tax forms. These will be gladly distributed to those needing them as a public service.

Doughton Will Run For Congress Again

Congressman Robert L. Doughton, veteran of 42 years in the House of Representatives and Chairman of the Ways and Means Committee, will stand for re-election this year, he tells the Democrat Wednesday morning. Mr. Doughton's decision which was "reached reluctantly," is contained in the following prepared statement.

"Responding to numerous inquiries and requests, I make the following announcement of my political course for the immediate future:

"My intention at present is to give the people of the Ninth Congressional District of North Carolina an opportunity to re-elect me to Congress. I have reached this decision very reluctantly after careful reflection and deliberation.

"As I have disclosed to a number of friends over the past several months, it has been my earnest desire and firm intention to retire from public life at the end of my present term. A very large number of people, however, both from the District and elsewhere in North Carolina—as well as many from outside the State—have by letters, telegram, and personal visit, urged that I stand for re-election. They have

5 Children Hurt As School Bus And Tractor Collide

Mail Service Being Extended

City mail delivery service is to be extended on February 1, on Blowing Rock Road and Faculty Street to the city limits in the southeastern section of the city, and on Junaluska Road to the city limits in the northwest section.

In announcing the news service, Postmaster Brown states that mail delivery has been extended from time to time through the years to include all areas meeting the minimum requirements for this service. He adds that patrons of these areas desiring to receive their mail by the delivery service may do so by providing suitable house numbers and mail receptacles and advising their correspondents and publishers of their street and number.

R. T. Olives, 68, Dies In Fresno

Mr. R. T. Olives of Fresno, California, father of Mrs. Greer Hodges, of Boone, died at a Fresno hospital Saturday night, January 26. Mr. Olives, who was 68 years old, had been in declining health for several months.

Survivors include the widow and the following sons and daughters, Milo of Fresno, Calif., Roland of Merced, Calif., Tom of San Francisco, Calif., Bill of the U. S. Merchant Marines, Jimmy of Seattle, Wash., Bobby of Santa Rosa, New Mexico, Mrs. Blair Wallace of Fresno, Calif., Mrs. R. Brandt of San Diego, Calif., and Mrs. Greer Hodges of Boone, N. C.

Mrs. Aileen Taylor At Tennessee U.

Mrs. Aileen Taylor of Watauga county department of public welfare is one of 27 public welfare workers from 24 counties in North Carolina who has been chosen for an educational leave grant under provisions of the State Board of Public Welfare and is now taking graduate study in the University of Tennessee, an approved school of social work, according to a report on matters affecting public interest from Dr. Ellen Winston, commissioner of the State Board.

"There are three times as many vacancies for qualified personnel in these departments over the state as the total number of workers now on educational leave," declared Dr. Winston. "We are trying to meet that need."

The pecan is the only nut produced commercially in North Carolina.



MOONSHINE PLANT—Sheriff Edmisten, right, and Deputy Perry are shown beside some of the equipment used in a 250-gallon moonshine still they captured recently in the Sampson section.

Two Liquor Plants Are Seized By Sheriff

Sheriff A. J. Edmisten and Deputy Perry have in the last few days confiscated two illicit distilleries in this section.

The first, a 250 gallon steam outfit, was cut in the Sampson section. Sheriff Edmisten states that there was one thousand gallons of mash on the premises, and that the still itself was a "double steamer" with twin condensers. A car radiator was being used for a worm, and to prevent the tell-tale smoke, the boiler was being fired with coke.

The sheriff, at the same time, gathered information on another still on Buffalo, across the Wilkes county line. He gave the information to the Alcohol Tax Unit, and another 250 gallon distillery was taken. There was sugar, coke, barrels, and other equipment. Neither of the stills was in operation, and no arrests were made.

Ed Waugh To Play For President's Ball

Ed Waugh's Orchestra will supply the music for the President's Birthday ball, which will be held at the Boone High School gymnasium Saturday evening February 9, starting at 8:30 o'clock.

The ball, which since its inception, has been the highspot of the winter social season here, is held this year under the sponsorship of the Forty-Niners, local social club, and the entire proceeds will go to the benefit of the March of Dimes fund.

H. M. Hamilton Joins Cattle Association

Mr. H. M. Hamilton of Boone has recently become a member of the American Polled Hereford Association, according to D. W. Chittenden, Executive Secretary.

The Association is devoted to the development of the Polled Hereford breed. At this time, there are more than 8,000 members of the Association throughout the United States and Canada.

March Of Dimes To End February 8

The March of Dimes campaign continues to February 8th, it was stated Tuesday by Mr. Jack Idol, director, who asks that those who haven't contributed do so at once, so that the county quota may be reached promptly.

Marriage Licenses
Marriage licenses were issued by the Watauga Register of Deeds to the following couples: Cecil W. Farthing of Boone and Mary Carolyn Hayes of Vilak; James D. Wilcox of Boone and Mary Edna Aldridge of RFD, Banner Elk.

Route 421 Is Blocked Two Hours

Five children, en route to the Cove Creek School, were seriously injured when the driver lost control of the bus on the icy highway west of the Amantha neighborhood Tuesday morning, and crashed head-on into a tractor trailer combination, owned by an Abingdon, Va., firm and driven by Robert Ray Moore of that city. They were all admitted to Watauga Hospital, where it was said that the condition of neither is critical.

Suffering the most severe injuries is Victor Harmon, 14, son of Mr. and Mrs. Monroe Harmon, who received scalp lacerations, and a possible skull fracture. He lost considerable blood at the scene of the accident.

J. D. Harmon, 10, had head lacerations, while Dean Harmon, 12, has a broken elbow in addition to minor cuts. The Harmon children are brothers.

Billy Wilson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Boyd Wilson, has a broken leg.

John Royce Hagaman, 17, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Hagaman, the driver of the school bus, has a fractured ankle, and lost some teeth in the accident.

Lost Control
State Highway Patrolman R. B. Parker, who investigated the accident, stated that the truck was en route to Cove Creek school and that all the passengers except those mentioned had left the bus at the Mabel School. The driver, said Mr. Parker, evidently lost control of the bus when the wheels struck an icy section of the pavement. Both the school bus and the tractor were almost demolished. Neither left the road and highway 421 was blocked for two and a half hours.

Mr. Parker's investigation had not been completed Tuesday evening.

Mother's March On Polio Ca Polio-Tonite

The Mother's March on Polio will take place this (Wednesday) evening from 7 to 8 o'clock. Participants will call for March of Dimes contributions at each house where the porch light is burning, and the fire siren will signify the beginning of the march.

The Jr. Woman's Club is in charge in the city. In the colored section of town, the march is sponsored by the Woman's Christian Society of the Methodist Church, under the direction of Mrs. Anna Bell Foster. In rural areas the event will be in charge of the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Polio Singing Nets \$507; 1,000 Attend

The March of Dimes quartet singing was the most widely attended of any similar event held here, and receipts Monday stood at \$507.75, with a few reports from rural ticket sales yet to be received. This is a gain of more than one hundred dollars over the singing fund of a year ago, and the fund goes to the infantile paralysis fund here.

More than one thousand people attended the singing which was held at the High School and at the Courthouse, so that all might be seated, and there were sixteen quartets from various North Carolina sections and from other states.

The singing was held under the management of a special committee composed of J. Allen Gragg, John F. Cook and Richard Hodges, and they together with Jack Idol, March of Dimes director and John King, assistant director, issue the following expression of thanks:

"We wish to thank each and every one for making the singing such an outstanding success. To the quartets is due special thanks for having traveled considerable distances on their own expense, and insisting on buying tickets at double price to aid in the fight on polio. The aid of Messrs Watt H. Gragg and Alfred T. Adams as masters of ceremonies is appreciated.

"Our especial thanks go to Mr. Frank Triplett for the public address systems provided, and for having sold more tickets than any other person.

"We appreciate the loan of the piano by Ed Mast, and the cab service donated by Letcher Teague. We hope that all those who bought tickets had a good time, and are happy in the thought that they helped some crippled child walk again. We hope that the singing will have the same fine cooperation in 1953."



ROBERT L. DOUGHTON
stressed that my experience from more than forty years in Congress (Continued on page eight)