

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.

KING STREET

BY ROB RIVERS

WHEN CHEESE WAS KING

We found a note on our desk the other day when we returned from a trip down the country, with the simple notation, "Cheese Wilson," and we regret missing our old friend who had called while we were away, and whose visit brought memories of other days in Watauga . . . of the time when the hillsides and coves were covered with Holstein cattle, and when the lactical fluid was being hauled away to the numerous local cheese factories, where the big cheddars and the succulent bricks, and even Swiss of wagon-wheel size were manufactured, and Cheese Wilson was the authority, the man who came in from wide experience in the north and helped with the co-operative movement . . . Mr. Wilson helped with the industry for a long time, became known to all our people and was held in the highest regard . . . We hadn't seen him since the cheese business folded and the numerous little factories over the country were converted to other purposes . . . We would have enjoyed visiting with the genial friend of other days.

WEATHER ON TV

Herman Wilcox, President of the Boone Chamber of Commerce, has been telephoning Boone temperatures to Clyde McLean, the weather man of station WBTV, Charlotte, and invariably when the weather outlook is given each evening, the personable announcer will give the torrid temperatures of the lowlands, followed by "Up in the high mountains at Boone, where the breezes blow, it was only 80 today" . . . This sort of thing is highly beneficial and Mr. McLean has the thanks of the folks for including us in his popular broadcast . . . And Herman, of course, deserves full credit for fathering the thought.

THE LUST TO KILL

Stood under an awning in another town waiting for the rain to stop . . . Two businessmen met near us and engaged in an animated conversation . . . It developed that the topic was crow-shooting, and one of the fellows was getting great joy in having "knocked down" four hundred of the noisy birds this summer . . . It was fun to see them "fold," he allowed, and described the express loads which were used to wage the one-sided war on the birds, which were "called" to their execution . . . The non-shooter was telling the lad who didn't want anything to live that he had a place in the country, where the crows had become tame, and walked about in the yard . . . "My little girl likes them . . . thinks they are cute," the calmer citizen related . . . "Don't let her feel that way," exploded the gunman . . . "The crows are evil, they break up duck nests, pull up all the corn prey on the eggs of other birds and raise hell in general . . . You ought to help us clean 'em up . . . it's a lot of fun, I tell you" . . . Since man's instinct naturally turns toward blood, and since its on the illegal side to kill the folks he don't like, he turns to destroying God's creatures, strictly for the fun of watching them die . . . And he can always make a case against hair or feather in the animal world . . . The object of his destruction is always evil—he has to be mad at the thing, it seems, to get joy out of killing . . . Will Walker's recipe for protecting corn from crows: Soak a gallon or so of corn until it swells, distribute it over your corn field about the time your corn is to break the ground . . . The crows will work after the tendered corn until the crop is too large for them to bother.

PRICELESS GIFT

James D. Henson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Don Henson of Vilas, celebrated his ninth birthday on August 8th, and the child enjoyed the event to the fullest, but especially the gift of a sister, Nina Sue, born exactly nine years and two hours after James arrived!

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Drought Stricken Farmers Of Region May Be Given Help

John P. Lucas To Preside At Club Meeting



JOHN PAUL LUCAS, JR.

John Paul Lucas, Jr., District Governor of the 280th District, Rotary International, will visit Boone and preside at a club assembly of the Boone Rotary Club immediately following the club's regular meeting on the evening of August 14.

Now head of the Public Relations Department of the Duke Power Company, he was formerly a newspaperman in Charlotte and elsewhere. Governor Lucas earned degrees at Duke University, North Carolina State College, and Princeton University. He was a Master at Asheville School, a member of the Psychology Department at State College and on the English faculty at Clemson College. He has written numerous newspaper, trade and academic articles and co-authored a novel of early life in Eastern Carolina.

Lucas To Speak At The Rock

On Friday night at 7 o'clock, the Blowing Rock Rotary Club will have as special guest Mr. John Paul Lucas, district governor, 280th District of Rotary International. Governor Lucas was recently elected to this position by the Rotary International convention held in Mexico City.

The purpose of his visit will be to evaluate the activities of the club during the past year and make plans for the Rotary year 1952-53.

A 1952 North Carolina apple crop of 1,935,000 bushels has been estimated. This compares with a 10-year average of 1,090,000 bushels.

City Expects About \$11,000 From State

The Town of Boone expects to receive approximately \$11,000 from the Powell Act funds this year. Blowing Rock will probably get around \$8,000. Both of these amounts represent increases over last year, due mainly to the increase of gasoline sales over last year.

Powell Act funds are collected from a half-cent tax on each gallon of gasoline sold in the State. The act was passed by the last legislature and the tax is collected by the State and divided among towns and cities of North Carolina.

Rate of payment this year is \$435.23 per street mile in town, plus \$1.84 per capita.

According to J. E. Clay, clerk of Boone, the check from the State will be received here about the first of September.

The Agriculture Department in Washington has designated all counties in North Carolina as drought disaster areas. This, according to Mr. J. B. Robinson, Watauga County Supervisor in charge of Farmers Home Administration here, makes it possible for the FHA to make disaster loans to eligible farmers who have suffered substantial crop losses because of drought or hailstorm damage.

North Carolina joined nine other states in being declared disaster areas due to the recent Arkansas, Missouri, Tennessee, Alabama, Georgia, Kentucky, Mississippi, Massachusetts and Maine. Oklahoma and Texas were carried over from last year as disaster areas.

In areas where pastures and feed crops have been badly damaged or destroyed by the prolonged drought, Mr. Robinson said the Farmers Home Administration is prepared to cooperate fully with other agricultural agencies and eligible farmers in an effort to immediately meet the need for feed that will be required to keep desirable productive livestock on farms that otherwise would have to be sold because of the lack of feed.

The FHA is also prepared to render immediate assistance to eligible farmers who find it necessary to re-seed or renovate pastures that have been substantially damaged or destroyed by the extended period of excessive dry weather and extreme high temperature.

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Plans Given For Final Farm Tour

The unit test demonstration farmers from Watauga County completed the first round of the farm tours Monday and announced plans for the final tour of the year for Friday, August 15. On this day the farm people on the tour will name one of their group as the farmer "doing the best job considering what he had to do with."

Candidates for this honor were nominated on the first series of tours that have been completed. They are Ivan Dishman, Beaver Dam township; Tom Ward, Watauga township; Hiram Brooks, Brushy Fork township; and Ralph J. Norris, Meat Camp township.

The tour on Friday, August 15, will start at the county agent office at 8:30 and visit the farm of Ivan Dishman first then to Tom Ward's farm. After lunch to Hiram Brooks and then to Ralph J. Norris.

After all four farms are visited and the operator has explained his farm plan the people on the tour will vote on the one "doing the best job with what they have to do with."

Following the selection of the demonstration farmer doing the best job, the group will elect officers for the following year. We hope that a large group will attend this tour. All of the demonstration farm families are expected to be on this tour.

City Expects About \$11,000 From State

Boone's share of the money has already been allocated and spent, Mr. Clay said, in the town's recent street improvement program. One bridge was placed and blacktopping of several thoroughfares and stockpiling of gravel was included in the program.

According to the law, the Powell Act funds may be used by a municipality for any street improvements. The theory is that the funds are obtained through taxing sales of gasoline for traffic vehicles, so the use of the funds when distributed is limited to those projects that will make for better movement of traffic.

Improvements permitted with this money include curb and guttering, and traffic lights, but does not include sidewalks or street lights. The local government has authority to say where it will be used in town.

Hollingsworth Is New Pastor Boone Church



REV. L. H. HOLLINGSWORTH

Rev. L. H. Hollingsworth, pastor of First Baptist Church, Mebane, N. C., has accepted a call by the First Baptist Church in Boone to become its pastor, and will preach his first sermon here September 7.

Rev. Mr. Hollingsworth comes here with the following history: He received his education at Wake Forest College and New Orleans Seminary; has held pastorates, besides his present one, at Wake county (as a student) and in Louisiana; was Chaplain in the U. S. Army, 24th Infantry Division, Pacific Theatre, 1942-1945.

The First Church at Mebane showed much progress during his six-year, eight-month pastorate. Membership almost doubled, from 230 to 500. His church has supported every denominational cause. The Sunday School attendance increased from under 100 to more than 250. Property valuation stands at \$200,000. A new \$100,000 sanctuary was completed in 1948. Mebane church (Continued on page five)

McKinley Ayers Suffers Injuries In Car Accident

McKinley Ayers of Boone, superintendent of the New River Light and Power Company, sustained a compound fracture of the right leg, facial cuts and body bruises when he was struck by an automobile while crossing King Street last Saturday night. He is undergoing treatment at Watauga Hospital.

The accident occurred shortly after 8 o'clock as Ayers was walking across the street from the north side between Smithy's store and the Cities Service station. The automobile, driven by Sgt. Carey Moretz of Boone, Route 1, was proceeding east into town and struck Ayers just before he reached the south side of the street, said Sheriff Earl Cook, who investigated the accident.

At a hearing held Sunday afternoon before Magistrate J. M. Watson, Sgt. Moretz was charged with careless and reckless driving, and bound over to superior court. He was released under \$1,000 bond.

In commenting on the occurrence, Sheriff Cook stated that Sgt. Moretz, who is on leave from Fort Jackson, S. C., had not been drinking, was not driving at an excessive rate of speed, and stopped his car immediately after striking Ayers.

Mrs. Wills Is Dead At Age 80

Shouns, Tenn.—Mrs. Victoria Wills, 80, widow of H. T. D. Wills, died last Thursday, August 7, in a Knoxville hospital after a brief illness. Mrs. Wills, a member of the Shouns Methodist Church, was married in 1900 to Mr. Wills, who died in 1949.

Funeral services were held at Shouns Methodist Church at 2:30 p. m. Sunday in charge of the Rev. A. E. Brown. Burial was in the Shouns Church Cemetery.

Survivors include a sister, Mrs. Marietta Smythe, Mountain City, Tenn.; and two nieces, Mrs. Wiley Sutherland, Snowdown, Ala., and Mrs. W. Y. Hill, Shouns.

Rise in oil refining is urged by United States official.

Near 1,200 Expected Here For Opening College Term

Electric Membership Corporation To Hold Meeting, Cooking School

Alexander To Speak At Barbecue Next Friday

Hugh Q. Alexander, of Kannapolis, Democratic candidate for Congress in the ninth district will speak at a rally sponsored by the Young Democrats Club of Watauga County, to be held at the courthouse Friday evening at 8 o'clock.

The program will begin with a barbecue dinner which will be served on the grounds of the courthouse at 6:30, followed by the speech of Mr. Alexander at eight.

Chairmen of precinct organizations have been appointed on a special committee to get the word to all Democrats in the county and to encourage a good attendance. Notices have been mailed to many Democratic voters asking their assistance.

It is hoped that a large number will attend the dinner and hear the Democratic candidate for Congress speak. An invitation is extended by the Young Democratic Club to every registered Democrat to attend.

Tobacco Field Day To Be Held Next Monday

Burley tobacco growers and other interested persons are invited to attend the annual Field Day to be held at the Upper Mountain Experiment Station at Laurel Springs. There will be a tour of the experimental work and demonstrations beginning at 9:30 a. m. on Monday, August 18.

Those attending the field day will have a chance to see the different experiments that are being conducted on the farm such as management tests, fertilizer work, spacing, topping, curing, organic versus mineral fertilizer, variety tests, etc. There will be a discussion on results of previous experiments on this and other test farms in the area. Research and Extension people will be present to answer growers' questions.

Warehousemen, fertilizer dealers and business people are cordially invited to attend the field day and participate in the program with the growers.

The program for the day will be as follows:

9:30 a. m., Introduction of guests, Mr. D. F. Tugman, assistant director in charge, Upper Mountain Experiment Station.

9:35, Address of welcome, Mr. C. D. Thomas, director of test farms, North Carolina Department of Agriculture.

9:40—Some of the Research and Extension problems on Burley tobacco production in Western North Carolina, Dr. W. E. Colwell, head Department of Agronomy N. C. State College.

10:00—Discussion of results of experimental studies on Burley tobacco in Western North Carolina, Dr. Luther Shaw, Agronomist Division of Tobacco Medicinal, and special crops, U. S. D. A., Waynesville, N. C.

10:20—Burley varieties and fertilizer recommendations, Mr. R. R. Benn, Extension Tobacco Specialist N. C. State College.

10:40—Harvesting and curing Burley Tobacco, Mr. S. N. Hawks, Asst. Extension Tobacco Specialist N. C. State College.

11:00—Tour of experimental Burley tobacco plots.

11:30—Priming and stringing demonstrations.

11:45—Cutting demonstrations.

Physical Plant, Faculty Bigger

Appalachian State Teachers college opens a new term in September, with prospects that the enrollment will be about the same as last year, according to H. R. Eggers, registrar. Last year's fall term enrollment was 1172, including those enrolled for extension courses. Mr. Eggers says that he expects at least a thousand full-time students to enroll, including some three hundred freshmen.

Freshmen are expected to report to the college on Monday, September 8, to begin their freshman orientation program the next day. Freshman registration will be held on September 11. Transfer students are to come in Thursday, September 11, and upperclassmen register on Friday, September 12. Registration for the fall term closes on Saturday, September 20.

Some changes in the faculty are noted. Leo K. Pritchett of the social studies faculty has been named Dean of Men. Mr. Pritchett formerly was dean of Lees-McRae college, and has been supervisor of the men's dormitory at Appalachian since 1947. Head football coach, E. C. Duggins, has returned from a seven-months term with the Navy and will take over his former position when the season opens.

New members added to the faculty include the following: Max R. Rains, B. S. DePauw University, M. S. Indiana University, Ph.D. to be conferred by Indiana University this summer, will be a member of the education faculty and will head up the guidance and counseling program. Paul N. Clem, A. B. Bridgewater college, M. A. Michigan State (Continued on page five)

The theme of the program will be "What Every Member Should Know." Valuable information and a lot of fun is in store for the members of the co-op.

The grand prize for this meeting is an electric range to be given to some lucky member who attends the meeting. A large number of smaller prizes also to be awarded. These prizes are donated by local electrical appliance dealers.

All members of the Cooperative are urged to attend.

Mother of Local Man Passes

Mrs. Jennie Whitting Greer, 73, of Todd, died last Tuesday, August 5. Funeral services were conducted Thursday from the South Fork Baptist Church of which she had been an active member since early life.

The services were in charge of Rev. Raymond Hendrix, assisted by Rev. H. M. Winkler and Rev. Ed Blackburn. Interment was in the family cemetery. Grandsons acted as pall bearers and the floral offering was borne by the granddaughters.

Survivors include the husband, J. J. Greer, and the following children: Ralph G. Greer, Boone; William Greer, San Francisco, Calif.; Mrs. Margaret Holdaway, Mouth of Wilson, Va.; P. W. Greer, Old Fort, N. C.; Richard Greer, Todd; Jefferson Greer, Cherryville; and Cruse Greer, West Chester, Pa. Two sons, Russell Greer and Rom Greer, preceded her in death some years ago. She is also survived by one sister, Mrs. Julia Grayson of Trade, Tenn., and a number of grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Local Hospital Is Given Approval National Body

At the regular monthly meeting of the board of trustees of Watauga Hospital at Boone on Friday past it was announced by G. K. Moose, chairman, that the hospital had been inspected by a field representative of the American College of Surgeons and had received its full approval. Mr. Moose stated that this was the first time the hospital had been fully approved and brought out the fact that this was the only small hospital in the country or section that met their requirements.

Watauga hospital now has the approval of all the bodies in this country established for that purpose. The North Carolina Hospital Association; The North Carolina Medical Care Commission; The Duke Endowment; The American Medical Association; The American Hospital Association and The American College of Surgeons have all made their inspections and fully approved the hospital. "With approval coming from the American College of Surgeons, which is the very highest rating possible for any hospital, the hospital has accomplished something in three years that many hospitals never do in a lifetime," Mr. Moose said.

The inspection which consumed a half day covered the physical plant, administration department, medical organization, medical record department, clinical laboratory, x-ray department, nursing service, dietary department, medical department, surgical department, obstetrical department, anesthesia department and the pharmacy. "Certainly nothing was left undone to find a deficiency if there was any," one official stated.

Other business of the meeting was discussion of the nurses (Continued on page five)

Beggars Opera To Appear Here

Highlighting and climaxing the NATS workshop program will be a performance of the Beggars Opera which will be presented by the Greensboro Opera Association, Inc. The opera will be given in the College Auditorium on Thursday night at 8 o'clock. It is being sponsored by Appalachian State Teachers College.

The opera association was incorporated in 1948 as a non-profit cultural organization in Greensboro, to produce opera and other allied musical presentations, and to develop talent and provide training and opportunity through production for the various talents and skills which must combine in order to achieve a complete music theatre. Its membership now numbers 116, among whom are some from Winston-Salem, Liberty, Siler City, Elon College, Guilford College, and Whiteville.

It is perhaps one of the few civic music organizations in which all participants, from the directors on down, are members who contribute their services without remuneration.

Grid Practice To Start Here

Peter W. Everett, new football coach at Appalachian High, announced this week that football practice will begin Tuesday, August 19, at the school. All boys who intend to go out for the sport this year are urged to be at school at 3:30 p. m. that day to pick up equipment. Following issuance of playing gear, a general meeting will be held at 4:30.

Coach Everett said that actual practice will begin Wednesday at 3:15 p. m., and will be held each day thereafter.

Boys intending to report for football must have a health examination. This will be given them on Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the County Health office in Boone. No one will be allowed to play without examination, Mr. Everett cautioned.

Goerch "Wants To Go Back"; Heard By C Of C

Carl Goerch, publisher of the State magazine, was guest speaker at the regular monthly luncheon meeting of the Boone Chamber of Commerce, held Tuesday at the Skyline Restaurant.

Introduced by President H. W. Wilcox, Mr. Goerch, who titled his talk, "I Want To Go Back," asserted that Americans are in dire need of a return to the fundamentals of real democratic living, religion, and family relationship.

While endorsing the progress that has been made in material things, he declared that material possessions do not bring happiness, and that people were happier forty or fifty years ago when "a man considered himself the master of his own fate, and was too proud to ask the government for a handout." Stating that the road to Socialism is the road to ruin, he held that people today have "lost the incentive and determination to take advantage of their opportunities," and that "the more help we get from the government, the more individual rights we are going to lose."

He said contentment and ease of mind had disappeared, and conditions today should be a challenge to every individual, adding that we "need a restoration of that form of government that made our country great."

Wm. G. Ragan Dies On Sunday

William Grady Ragan, of Zionville, RFD 1, died suddenly at the age of 42 on Sunday, August 10, at his home in the Meat Camp section.

Funeral services were held at 2 p. m. Tuesday, August 12, at the Pleasant Valley Methodist Church, conducted by the Rev. Charles McKinney.

Survivors include his wife, the former Miss Pauline Moretz; two brothers, Garland Ragan, Zionville, and Kenneth Ragan, Lenoir; and one sister, Mrs. Lloyd Bryant of Zionville.