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Fossing his mane of snows in wildest eddies and tangles, ion - like March cometh hoarse, with tempestuous breath."

March roared in "like a lion," ith half a foot or so of snow, which would have been a lot deeper had it not started falling right on the heels of Sunday's deluge of rain . . . Schools couldn't operate Monday, 'count of the uses couldn't well travel over rural roads, but main arteries of transportation not seriously affected by the winter's heaviest snowfall. . . And we find a sort f consolation as we wade through he snowpiles, that there's maybe less chance of a big snow toward the end of the month. . . We also find a degree of solace in he knowledge that rainfall has been greater this winter than ommon, and that this snow atop the thawed terrain bodes well for needed moisture in the spring and maybe a better growing season than we've been getting the past three years. .

THE ORDER CHANGETH New telephone books have been mailed out, together with the usual instructions for the use of the dial telephone, which starts at noon today, and thus ends the era of the old handcrankers, with the dry cells and the magneto, and the pleasant exchanges with the personnel at the central office who have rendered outstanding service with the outmoded equipment with which they have had to work.

AND WE THINK BACK the days when Mrs. Etta lorton operated the switchboard n Boone, and later when Miss Mattle Toppings took care of the Fire Destroys nessages when the exchange was ocated in her living quarters in the E. S. Coffey office building. Rooming House

. And as a child we used to isit some in the office, where Mrs. Toppings' mother, Mrs. Wyke, sat in the living room, aded her clay pipe from a big in tobacco box which sat by the ireside, dipped the Sally Michael reation into the glowing embers nd came up with a heap of coals nd ashes atep the pipe bowl. and that's the last of the old onneted ladies we ever saw maipulating a wheezy clay pipe with a reed or ti-ti stem. . . Later Mrs. Toppings took the central office to her home down below below he carried on for many years. . . We remember the Watauga Dem- Falls Sunday ocrat's first telephone, installed by the late J. C. "Pete" Mast, which incidentally cost about n dollars per year. It was one



Jerry Oddo as Proteus and Lauren Farr as Valentine, two merry madcap gentlemen of Verona, in William Shakespeare's comedy, "Two Gentlemen of Verona." which the world famous Barter Theatre of Virginia will present in Boone on Monday, March 8. The afternoon performance will be given at 1:15 o'clock, under the sponsorship of the Boone Business and Professional Women's Club, in the ASTC auditrolum. The night performance, which is given under the

college lyceum series, is open to college students only. The matinee performance at 1:15 is the only one that will be open to the public. Tickets may be secured from any member of the Boone Business and Professional Women's Club

High School Students May See Barter Play

High school students in Wa-| ter Theatre presentation of "The auga county will have an oppor- Two Gentlemen Of Verona" tunity again this year to see a which is to be given at Appalaprofessional performance of anchian State Teachers college in other of Shakespeare's plays. The occasion will be the famous Bar-matinee performance is being

matinee performance is being given at 1:00 in the afternoon for the benefit of visitors and public school students and teachers. Pupils transported by school bus will be able to leave Boone by 4:30 in the afternoon. Appalachian State Teachers college is presenting this comedy

A rooming house owned by on the night of March 8 as one of Della Whittington in the colored its lyceum series of the season. section of Boone was completely but the performance is open ondestroyed by fire Saturday at ly to students from the college. The Boone Business and Profes-Of undetermined origin, the sional Women's Club is cooperatflames had almost totally con- ing with the college in the prethe two-story structure sentation of the matinee so that and its contents by the time he the public school students will alarm was turned in, said Fire Chief Howard Cottrell. All of the have an opportunity to see this famous play in a professional occupants escaped without in-

performance.

available for sale.

jury, it was reported.

about 6:30 p. m.

sumed

The biggest snow of the season occurred Sunday night and Mon- Glovier Given

Paul H. Norris **Fatally Hurt In** Accident At Mill

An Independent Weekly Newspa per-Established in the Year

BOONE. WATAUGA COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA, THURSDAY, MARCH 4, 1954

Paul Hoover Norris, 17-year-old son of Elbert S. Norris, of . Boone RFD 2, died Sunday, February 28, in Watauga Hospital of injuries he received Friday when his arm was caught in a belt of a hammer mill, and he was thrown from the farm machine.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, March 2, at 2 p. m. in Bethel Methodist Church, con-ducted by the Rev. C. R. Mc-Kinney, and burial was in Fairview Cemetery.

Norris suffered a compound fracture of the head, a severe brain injury, and a compound fracture of the arm. He was reared in the Children's

Home in Winston'-Salem after the death of his mother. He had been residing with his father about two years.

Surviving besides the father are three brothers, Denver and Edward, of Boone RFD 2, and Jacob Lutz of Belwood; four sisters, Mrs. Shuford Edmisten of Blowing Rock, Miss Nina Norris of Boone, Mrs. Roby Painter and Mrs. Linwood Lafferty of Banner Elk.

Terry O. Norris **To Get Doctorate**



TERRY ORBAN NORRIS

Mr. Terry Orban Norris, son of Mr. and Mrs. Stuart H. Norris of Maple Hill Farm, Route 2, Boone, has completed requirements for a Ph. Ddegree in organic chemistry at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

Mr. Norris was graduated from Appalachian High School and also received his B. A. and M. A. degrees at Chapel Hill. As an un-Tickets may be obtained by membership in Phi Beta Kappa, Mayor Gordon H. Winkler, Bareither writing or telephoning Mrs. honorary scholastic fraternity. He Margaret Gragg in Boone. Mrs. was a member of the Naval ROTC Gragg is president of the Boone unit in Chapel Hill and served in BPW Club, and all members of the U. S. Navy in World War II.

her club will also have tickets Mr. Norris has accepted a po-Mr. Norris has accepted a po-sition doing fundamental re- 7 Wataugans In search in photographic processes with the Photo Products Division of E. I. du Pont de Nemours and March Draft Call

Mabel postoffice, in upper Cove

as an economy move by the De-

Dial Telephone System Placed In Service Today

INTRICATE EQUIPMENT-Employees of Western Electric Co., are seen adjusting automatic apparatus at Boone's new dial telephone exchange. They are: J. M. Riddle, G. B. Davis, W. P. Bumpus, J. R. Bryant.-Photo Paul Weston.

Earl Cook Reelected Chairman Of G.O.P. Watauga County Republicans

McFadden To Dr. J. B. Gartner, extension, horticultural specialist, State College, Raleigh, will be the speaker state the meeting of the Chamber of Speak To Meeting Commerce Tuesday, March 9. Dr. Gartner will likely give some Watauga Teachers pointers on the beautification of the community, as a prelude to the annual clean-up campaign.

Dr. Gartner To

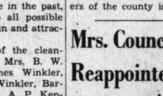
Speak Tuesday

To Civic Group

eigh, director of public relations for the North Carolina Education Clyde Robinson, Allen Craig, El-Association, will be the principal mer Miller, Kenneth Linney, Mc-Monday evening at 7:30. A full attendance of the teach-

and promises to do all possible to make the city clean and attrac-

up committee are: Mrs. B. W



Welfare Board

Boone has been reappointed to a new three year term as the State Taylor. Department of Public Welfare Representative on the Watauga ed.

Boone Says Bye To Old Manual **Type Of Phone**

WATAUGA COUNTY Farming and tourist region. First in Carolina

in sheep production.

1950 Population 18.341

14 PAGES-2 SECTIONS

Boone will say "farewell" to the "manual-magneto telephone when the new system is placed into service Wednesday, 12:00 noon, H. M. Inabinet, Manager for Southern Bell, said that there would be no interruption in service here when the changeover is made.

Although telephone users will no longer begreeted by the famous "number please" phrase, the voice with the smile won't dissappear entirely from the tele-phone scene. After dialing "O" for operator, cheerful, efficient young ladies 'will be there to handle your long distance calls, "information" calls, etc. Com-plete instructions on how to place calls over the dial etlephone are contained in a booklet recently distributed to all Boone subscribers. Mr. Inabinet stated, similar details also appear in the new directory.

brings to this city the latest type of automatic dial service which will compare favorably with any found in the largest cities in the nation. Currently there are 1200 subscribers in the growing exmet in convention in the court- change.

An added convenience for telephone subscribers is the tele-phone business office located in fey, vice chairman and Paul Cof-fey, secretary. W. H. Gragg and S. C. Eggers were named members of the the new building on King Street. The office will be open daily ex-cept for Saturdays, Sundays and holidays. Bills may be paid there state executive committee and the Also, other business transactions may be handled there in person or by dialing AM-4-8811 Mr. Inabinet pointed out.

There, is a depository in the lobby where customers may make payments after office hours.

of S. C. Eggers, Jr., G. K. Moose and Perry Greene are being sent to Raleigh as recommendations for the county election board. On that day, however, precipita-Present board members are Roby Greer and Raleigh Cottrell, Democrats, and S. C. Eggers Jr., Re-7 P. M.

Max. Min Democratic recommendations 47 for the county board made two 54 weeks ago are Roby Greer, Major John Thomas and Gordon 59 Some 200 Republicans attend-51 54

following to the county executive committee: Leslie Norris, ver Church, L. E. Wilson, T. O. Eggers, John Hollar, John Potter, Heath Smith, Joe Coffey and Weather Chairman Cook said the names February 22 to February 28 Temperatures remained for the most part in the 40's and 50's this week, with no rain until Sunday,

> tion occurred almost all day; there was 11/2 inches recorded at Date 6 p. m. Feb. 22 44 36 27 45 Feb. 23 42 Feb. 24 32 51 Feb. 25 34 34 Feb. 26 27 Feb. 27

Meantime Rev. Edwin F. Troutman, Chairman of the Clean-up

nard Dougherty, Dr. A. P. Kephart.

Kenneth Lee Cook, Boone

Luther Martin Banner, Sugar

Albert Young Greene, Boone.

Dillard Glenn Hodges, Boone.

The men will likely be station-

ed at Fort Jackson, S. C.

World Prayer

Service Slated

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are:

Mills

Grove.

Committee calls attention to much unsightliness about the town, speaker at the meeting of the which he hopes will be cleared Watauga unit of the NCEA to be Ralph Hays, Charles Mast, Denup when warm weather comes. held at Parkway School next The Committee expresses appreciation for what other cleanup groups have done in the past, ers of the county is urged.

Other members of the cleandergraduate he was elected to membership in Phi Beta Kappa, Mayor Cordon H. Winkler, Bar, Reappointed To

Mrs. Councill

Mrs. Grace M. Council of

Mr. Henry McFadden, of Ral-

of the wall models, which was inches fell in the vicinity of Naval Award tair landing in the old Democrat sections of the county. Schools were closed for the building . . . (never did under-

nan had to stand on tiptoe). . . were resumed Tuesday. And we recall the different

Watauga Democrat on the line.

. . and we remember our childsh reflections on how long a long ring", should be, and how many turns of the crank would to for a short ring. . . We haven't yet' found out. . . We remember pleasantly the pioneers in the Mast, W. Y. Farthing, the Farhing boys, Mrs. Ett Horton, Mrs. Mattie Toppings, Mrs. Jessie dcGuire, and of late years, Mrs. essie Warman. . . To these and thers whom we may have failed o recall, we are especially grateul for the service which has been endered, and we shall miss, for fact, the pleasant voice we alvays heard at the other end of he line, which has been silenced the march of progress.

LIKES THE INFORMALITY And while we are among hose who have yelled the loudest for dial service, as both Mr. and Mr. Inabinet would testify, there will be nostalgic emories of the old days and the old ways. . . A prominent usiness man sounded off the ther day in behalf of the me informalifies assoiated with the ante-dated tel (Continued on page four)

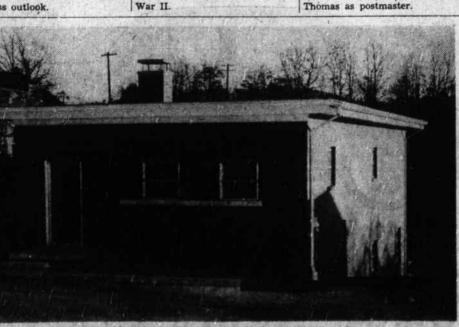
stand why they were always day, but as county roads were closed for the Boone, but presently an employee of the Chincotague Naval Base in cleared for bus travel, classes of the Chincotague Naval Base in Is Discontinued Virginia, was one of those who

The snowfall came on the heels was recently given a "Beneficial Trings" assigned to each phone. We believe two longs and Sunday, and was accompanied H. T. Johnson, Commandant of ed March I, in what is described Elk. hort was supposed to get the by winds and freezing tempera- the Naval Air Station. tures. Tuesday's sunshine was rapidly disposing of the snow. Mr. Glovier, a son of Mr. and Mrs. Mont Glovier, was a Chief Motor Machinist when discharg-an important section of the coun-

Economists discern favorable ed from the Navy after World ty, had been in charge of Mr. Lee business outlook.



War II.



NEW BUILDING-The modern building erected by Southern Bell Telephone Co., to house equipment for the new dial system. "The building is located on East King Street. The "cutover" is to be made at noon today (Wednesday) .- Staff photo Joe Minor.

County Welfare Board. Seven Watauga county men Her selection was announced went to Charlotte Monday for last week by Dr. Ellen Winston, examination and induction into State Welfare Commissioner, althe army, as Watauga's March though the term does not start quota under the Selective Service until April 1.

Other present members of the The names of those inducted Board are Chairman C. D. Mc-Neil, picked by other two board.

Tommy Earl Sluder, Banner members, and Paul A. Coffey, named to represent the Board of

Raleigh Ray Clark, Shulls County Commissioners. Harbin Everett Moretz, Vilas.

FIRE HELPS COPS

The Rev. Thomas Seitz, priest-Kingsport, Tenn. - Searching in-charge, will present the candi- off a city dump truck crashed for whiskey in a grass-filled dates to Bishop Henry at the 11 through a Lamont avenue store-empty lot, officers decided to a. m. service. front, completely demolishing the

away-they exploded in the heat. confirmation.

Bishop Henry To Visit Boone The Rt. Rev. M. George Henry,

Stanford Coffey.

publican.

bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Western North Carolina, will administer the apostolic rite of confirmation on a class Sunday, March 7, in St. Luke's Episcopal Church.

house in Boone Saturday after-

noon and re-elected Earl D. Cook county chairman, Mrs. Paul Cof-

42 Feb. 28 No precipitation.

The month of February held mild temperatures for people in Boone; the extremes were: high, 67, on the 15th, and low, 5, on the 9th. The most striking feature of the month's weather was the rain which fell on the 21st to total 4.31 inches. Total precipitation for the month was 5.11 inches with traces of snow.

Baltimore, Md .- A front wheel

burn off the grass. They did, and In the afternoon Bishop Henry window and narrowly missing a in the ashes found four half-gal- will go to St. Mary's Church, pedestrian. A bystander looking lon jars and one pint of moon- Beaver Creek, of which Mr. Seitz on fainted from the excitement, shine. Ten half-gallon jars got also is in charge, to administer and was rushed to a hospital to be treated for a sprained back.

Doughton Retires From Party Post; Higgins Will Get Nod World Day of Prayer Service

will be held in Grace Luthern Church, Friday evening at 7:30. Raleigh, Feb. 25-North Caro- because of his health he is asking had been rumors for several For the sixty-seventh successive

 For the sixty-seventh successive year World Day of Prayer will
 Ina's 90-year-old former Rep. R.
 to be relieved.
 months that because of his health he was considering relinquishing the national committee post.

 be observed on Friday, March 5th.
 L. (Farmer Bob) Doughton is stepping down as the state's Umstead's gubernatorial primary Democratic national committee.
 Higgins, an attorney, managed umstead's gubernatorial primary campaign in which Um st ead
 months that because of his health he was considering relinquishing the national committee post.

ship encompasses the world. man because of his health, Gov. From land to land its torch is Umstead told his news conference today. bested Hubert E. Olive of Lex-passed as the carth rotates its today. bested Hubert E. Olive of Lex-lington. Higgins is a former state district solicitor and former U.

fellowship of prayer by attend-ing the World Day of Prayer Ser-

Eggs selling at highest price since 1948.

passed as the earth rotates its daily rounds, until 118 countries have kept this special vigil. today. The governor told the news-men he hoped that the State today. The governor told the news-men he hoped that the State today. The governor described Hig-today. The governor described Hig-today. You are urged to join in this fellowship of prayer by attend-ing the World Day of Prayer Ser-vice.

ton. The governor said Doughton had written him telling him that
Democratic Party."
Doughton's decision to step down came as no surprise. There
Doughton stepped down from Congress in 1952 after having (Continued on page eight)