1950 Population 2,973

Easter Sunrise Service To Be

1950 Population 18,341

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BOONE, WATAUGA COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA, THURSDAY, APRIL 15, 1954

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KING STREET

ROB RIVERS

OLD SHOW HOUSE REOPENS The Pastime Theatre, Boone's first movie house, has been reopened by a son of its founder, A. E. Hamby, Jr., . . . The up-town theater has been fully re-

modeled and redecorated, and

the improvement adds greatly to

the sightliness of the block . . Built when the movie show business outgrew its quarters in the courtroom, the Pastime was the only entertainment to be found in the locality for many years, and many of the citizens of the town saw their first movies there . . . The Pastime witnessed the demise of the silent films and the advent of the talkies, and was a center of community life . . . It looks like old times for the pioneer showhouse to be in

SIGNS OF THE TIMES

Tourists begin to frequent the highways of the region in increasing numbers as the balmy breezes of spring arrive with the first blossoms . . . High School Seniors proudly display-ing copies of their yearbooks, and having them autographed by all their friends, to provide priceless mementos for the years shead . . . Fishermen lifting small frout from streams and enjoying outing after the long and weary winter months

ODDS AND ENDS

And speaking of fishing . . . A few years ago fishing on the Sabbath wasn't tolerated at all in Watauga . . . Generally speaking it just wasn't done, but we recall Dr. Jones' "Sunday fishing pole", a bamboo rod made up of many joints about 12 inches long, which could be carried in the buggy or horseback without being noticed . First wild onions we'd noticed locally showed up on the post-

office lawn . . . The pestiferous tubers, which are thick in the lawns below the mountains, have spared this locality till now, but we shouldn't be surprised if they multiply and cover the country, some of these days, like the socalled Johnson grass did a few years ago . . . Both likely came into the county in grass seed shipped from other regions . . Tennis courts down at the college being well patronized by the students during the warm weath-

SLOW WARMUP

Watauga countians eligible to vote in the May Democratic primary, are fairly slow warming up. it would appear . . . A few pictures of Senator Lennon have shown up in Boone, but the likeness of the Squire of Haw River hasn't be during the current campaign ... However, farmers coming to

town tell of considerable interest in the Scott fortunes, and no doubt before the end of May there'll be a sixable group of Democrats ready to do battle in the fraces which will decide the occupant of a United States

G. O. P. PRIMARY

Meanwhile Republicans of Watauga have a county primary for the first time this spring . . . A law passed by Representative Winkler puts the local G. O. P. under the generaly primary law, and the Republican candidates for county office will be nominated at the same time the Democrats choose between Lennon and Scott, and Olla Ray Boyd and the others . . . First to file was Clarence Watson, who is running for Sheriff. He was followed by G. M. Watson, who also wants the job . . . Truman Critcher is out as Republican candidate for Clerk of the Superior Court, and there will be others who will file by elosing time next Saturday . . Democrats hang on to the convention system and perhaps won't go about the job of slating a ticket until late summer . . . On the Democratic side there's been a deal of streetside talk on the Sheriff's race, and those most often mentioned are Ernie Hodges, Arlie Walsh and Tom Shock ... At any rate, it's election year, and Wataugans being noted for

tried the homicide case in which Luther Banner was charged with slaying of a Mr. Cline of Banner Elk, at the April term of Watauga Superior Court in 1908. Members of the jury court records show were: Thomas M. Greer, Noah Winkler, M. R. Wilson, J. S. Winkler, J. G. Lay, J. H. Wallace, J. M. Greer, W. N. Storie, H. C. Hodges, W. C. Storie, D. L. Jenkins, F. M. Thomas. The additional man pictured is the officer in charge Mr. Rolf Wilson of North Fork loans the

Raleigh.-W. Ralph Winkler,

Commissioner of the Eleventh

State Highway Division, said this

week that 5.1 miles of roads had

been improved in his division

In Ashe, the 16 foot wide road

from county road near Ashe Hospital for 0.3 miles to Pell Bowers

resident. Two 12 foot wide roads, and their lengths, were graded

and graveled; from US 221 near

Wade Bare residence northward to Waugh Place, 0.7 mile; and

from Horse Creek Church near

Joe Hampton residence to Os-

borne School, 0.3 mile. Two ten

foot wide roads, and their lengths,

were also graded and graveled:

from Nettle Knob Road toward

Rev. Roten residence, 0.7 mile;

and from Horse Creek Church

southward on the Shephard Road

In Watauga, State forces grad-

ed and stone surfaced three 12

foot wide roads, and their lengths:

Winebarger Road, 0.5 mile; Rush

Bridge Road (Beaver Dam), 0.5

mile; and county road near Ro-

are in the Eleventh Highway Di-

vision along with Alleghany, Av-

ery, Surry, Wilkes, and Yadkin counties. Division headquarters

are in North Wilkesboro. J. H.

Councill is division engineer.

Auto License

Office To Close

he, Caldwell, and Watauga

Joe Hampton residence

during March.

near

feet wide.

minger, 0.4 mile.

Democrat the old picture and identifies the last que auto tour. three on the right standing, as Roby Wilson, F. M. Thomas, and J. H. Wallace. Seated, fourth from state board, said the tour will bethe left, is Joe S. Winkler of Boone.

It's a good bet that A. J. Campbell took the picture on the R. M. Greene lawn, where the Mabel photographer invariably set up his tent. In the background may be seen the Dr. Councill office building and to the extreme right the rear of the Judge Councill residence. Both buildings were located on what is presently the Daniel Boone Hotel lot.

Winkler Makes **Monthly Report** Road Improvement



PFC. AVERY E. HARMON

Last Rites Held 0.5 mile. All the work was done by State Highway forces. In Caldwell, State forces regraded, drained and surfaced the graded, drained and surfaced the County Road (Mulberry Creek) for 1.2 miles. The old road was Succumbs In Korea 16 feet wide, the new one is 20

Funeral services were held Tuesday, April 6, at the Brushy Fork Baptist Church for Pfc. Avery E. Harmon, 20, who died February 28 while on duty with the U. S. Army in Korea.

The rites were conducted the Rev. Victor Trivette, and

burial was in Ray Cemetery. Pfc. Harmon enlisted in the U. S. Army July 29, 1952, and had served one year overesas. He had before his death and told her he was all right and not to worry about him.

He is survived by his father, Marshall E. Harmon; his mother Mrs. Northa W. Harmon, Vilas; a brother, Claude E. Harmon, Winston-Salem; and six sisters, The drivers' license office will be closed Friday April 16, from Mrs. Ford Hollars, Boone; Mrs. 8:30 till 1 p. m., it is announced Ray Byrd, Banner Elk; Mrs. Lewby license examiner W. R. Stansis Brown, Lincolnton; Mrs. Wade Tugman, Deep Gap; Mrs. Chester berry. Mr. Stansberry will be in attendance at a driver examiner Fraley, Albany, Ga.; and Mrs. meeting in Asheville. Robert Boring, Washington, D. C.

Music, Art Contest Set For Thursday

test sponsored by the Boone grades and will include original Worthwhile Woman's Club for drawings and free hand copies, school children of Watauga but no traced copies. County will be held in the First | Marvin Pickard, Miss May Alva

mentary and high school groups. hibits.
Voice contestants will be judgpression, pronunciation and breathing.

Piano students will be judged their great interest in things poli-tical, the traditional political pot is 'spected to start "bilin' " soon and poise.

Art exhibits will be entered ic committee.

The annual music and art con- from the first through the twelfth

Baptist Church Thursday at 2 p. White and Miss Gladys Gades m.

The music contests in voice and piano will be divided into ele-

Mrs. John Horton, chairman ed on poise, interpretation, ex- Mrs. Roy Rufty and Mrs. Esther Boone are art committee mem-

Mrs. Bert Ellis, chairman; Mrs. Clyde Winebarger and Mrs. Ralph Winkler are members of the mus-

Davis Sees Brighter Days For This Area

editorial board of the Winston Salem Journal and Sentinel, told the Boone Chamber of Commerce Tuesday that the Northwest North Carolina Development Association is beginning to function, and outlined its goals, as guest speaker at the Chamber's monthly luncheon meeting. He was introduced by President H. W. Wil-

The association, organized last fall on a regional basis comprising a nine-county area, has a four-point program of development, he said, covering Industry, Agriculture, Community Development, and Travel & Recreation.

In the Industry division, headed by G. R. Andrews of Boone, rural counties will be aided in their efforts to secure industrial enterprises by the greater flow of inquiries and contacts coming into Winston-Salem, the speaker said, and being passed on to them through the association.

In discussing the Agriculture division, Mr. Davis said northwest North . Carolina farmers failed to plant 4800 acres of their tobacco allotment last year, which represented a loss of about \$5 million in income. He cited the drought and shortage of plants as partly responsible for this, but said an attempt is being made by the association to remedy this situation by sponsoring a project state to plant huge plant beds and make these plants available to farmers this year.

He said there is a great need for a regional meat processing written to his mother a short time plant to keep pace with the area's rapidly growing beef production. A regional egg and poultry mar-ket is also being considered, he said.

The Community Development program offers a challenge to every community in the area to sponsor local improvements, said Mr. Davis, and to organize its people at the community level.

He cited Watauga, Ashe, Alleghany and Forsyth as having the greatest potential in the Travel & Recreation division, but said facilities and accommodations must be improved, and more and better roadside parks provided. He also stressed the importance of courtesy in dealing with tourists, and said all who come in contact with visitors should refer them to other points of interest throughout

Filing Date For Weed Growers 15th

The closing date for filing 1954 Burley tobacco combinations and divisions is May 15. All applications should be filed with the County ASC Committee before this date.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT CLOSES EASTER MONDAY The local Health Department

Make Tour To Boone -North Carolina's antique auto- | South Carolina beach. mobile owners will take to the The Horseless Carriage Club hills this summer in a 300-mile has about 125 members in North exhibition tour from Laurinburg Carolina devoted to the preservation and restoration of antique N. F. Keiger, Jr. of Winstonautomobiles. About a dozen mem-Salem said yesterday that the bers of the club live in Winston-state chapter of the Horseless Salem.

In Action

Corporal Louis R. Hayes, who

was reported missing in action in Korea July 25, 1950, has

been officially declared dead

According to information re-

ceived by the parents, Mr. and Mrs. Roby Hayes of Sugar

Grove, he died en route to a

prison camp in North Korea

Corporal Hayes, better known

as Russell Hayes by his many

friends and relatives, was fat-

ally injured while bravely serv-

ing his country in action with an infantry division.

On the basis of statistics for

the calendar year 1952, 98.55 per

the nation 88 per cent.

To Close Doors

On Easter Monday

A majority of Boone business

places, including the Northwest-ern Bank, will observe Easter

Monday, April 19, as a holiday

by remaining closed all day in

accordance with a recommenda-

served, he said.

afternoon, April 21.

Cook. Regular hours will be ob- Max.

Town and county offices will

Stores which normally close

Wednesday afternoon are remain-

Watauga Leads In

Ratio Hospital Births

by the War Department.

October 20, 1950.

Antique Autos To

the sea in its third annual anti-Cp. Hayes Mr. Keiger, a member of the gin July 15 at Lanrinburg and travel through Rockingham, Montravel through Rockingham, Monroe, Charlotte and Hickory. The ancient autos are scheduled to

Carriage Club of America will

head for the mountains instead of

Approximately 50 antique automobiles, ranging from 1904 to 1929 models, are expected to attempt the mountain trip.

arrive in Boone on July 17.

The Horseless Carriage Club made its 300-mile tour last year from Laurinburg, through Raleigh and Wilmington, to Windy Hill Beach, S. C. A similar trip was made by a different route in 1952 from the state club's

Chester Davis, member of the Judge Pless Will Preside At Spring **Court Session**

Hon. J. W. Pless, Jr., will preside at the spring term of Wa-tauga Superior Court, which convenes next Monday for the trial of criminal cases. About 160 cases are to be tried

most of which involve the com-North Carolina's 100 counties in cent) of the 2,742 live births were the ratio of hospital births. mission of misdemeanors.

Perry Greer, is still being sought as the principal offender in a rape case, in which a 15 cent of Watauga's 414 live births year old Caldwell county girl is and 98.32 of Haywood's 776 were involved. Those arrested in the in hospitals. The ratio for the cass are Ben Andrews, Clark state was 70.4 per cent and for Rominger, Lester Bradshaw, Robert L. Day.

The court term is set for two weeks, but may continue longer Business Houses

Sixteen Men Comprise April **Quota For Army**

Sixteen men comprise Watation by the Merchants Associauga's April quota under the selective service act. They are: Volunteers: Robert C. Thomas,

Isaacs M. Greene, Joseph W. Mc-Connell, Henry P. Yates, Bobby ever, said Acting Postmaster Lyle

Regular inductees: George A. Presnell, Glenn A. Reese, Samuel D. Ellison, Thomas B. Cooke, Joe also be open as usual, due to the K. Holman, Max R. Potter, Rufus fact that the spring term of Wa-A. Earp, Robert L. McGuire, Tho- tauga Superior Court convenes mas R. Warren, James M. Pres- Monday, April 19. nell, Shelton J. Hammons.

President Eisenhower has urg- ing open all day Wednesday, ed expansion of international April 14, before Easter, but will April 8-0.11 in.; April 9-0.05 trade as the best insurance be closed as usual Wednesday in.; April 10-0.01 in.; April 11 against statism.

Held At Daniel Boone Theatre Ministerial **Group Sponsors**

TRUMAN CRITCHER

Critcher Files

Candidacy For

Clerk Of Court

Truman Critcher of Blowing

Rock has filed his candidacy for

the Republican nomination for

the office of Clerk of the Super-

ior Court, subject to the action

of the Republican primary of

ers College, where he will gradu-

in hospitals; the other 102 were

attended by midwives. Of the 2,-

416 white births, 97.51 were in

Statistics for other Western

of 732, Jackson 76.48 of 387, Mc-

Weather

red almost every day.

Min.

33

North Carolina counties:

80.67 of 326

ate next summer.

The climax of the Holy Week observance will be reached in Boone with the Easter Sunrise Service, which will be held in the Daniel Boone Theatre Sunday morning at 6:15, under the sponsorship of the Boone Ministerial Association.

The Rev. J. K. Parker, Jr., is

Union Service

general chairman for the event, which will be presided over by the Rev. C. A. Foss.

The High School Band will par ticipate, and a Community Choir, composed of members of the choirs of the different churches of the town, will be directed by Mrs. Virginia Wary Linney, of Appalachian State Teachers College. The volunteer members of the choir should assemble together with band members at the Methodist Church from 5 to 5:30 a.m.

Coffee and doughnuts are to be served at the Methodist Church at 5 o'clock The Program Following is the program for

Prelude, by the Appalachian Mr. Critcher is a son of Mr. and High School Band. Mrs. C. C. Critcher and is a stud-Choir sings "Low in the Grave ent at Appalachian State Teach-

the union service:

He Lay." Rev. Parker announces "Christ the Lord Is Risen!" with the con-

gregation joining in. Choir sings "Up from the Grave He Arose."

Congregation, led by Rev. Mr. Foss, sings "Christ the Lord Is Risen Today!"

Interlude of Band music. Scripture reading by the Revs. Rex West and Mr. Parker. Watauga and Haywood top, In Buncembe, 2,577 (83.98 per

Rev. Edwin F. Troutman. Prayer, led by the Rev. C. O.

Easter meditation by the Rev.

L. H. Hollingsworth. Congregation sings "All Hail

the Power of Jesus' Name.' Avery 91 per cent of 34 births Benediction, led by the Rev. in hospitals, Burke 94.83 per cent T. Shackford. of 1,026, Cherokee 89 per cent of

Postlude by the band. 399, Clay 59 per cent of 105, Gra-ham 95.67 of 162, Henderson 92.89

Dowell 92.18 of 512, Macon, 63.68 of 358, Madison 72.03 of 422, Taken By Death Mitchell 86.29 of 321, Polk 84.4 of 218, Rutherford 68 per cent of 1038, Swain 2 of 258, Transyl-Jones L. Storie, 62, died at his vania 77.54 of 374, and Yancey

April

April

a. m. Tuesday, April 13. He had been in failing health for several years, and seriously ill for the past two weeks. By DR. ARNOLD VAN PELT

Mr. Storie was born in Caldwell County, but came to Boone Temperatures this week were at the age of 14, and had been a Easter Monday will not be a milder than last, with a high of resident of this city since holiday at the post office, how- 75. Intermittent showers occur- time.

Surviving in addition to his widow are two sons, James Storie, April 4 Blowing Rock, and Jones L. April 5 Storie, Jr., on duty with the U. 6 S. Navy at Pearl Harbor; three 7 brothers, H. S. Storie, Boone; 8 Josh Storie, Lenoir, Route 1; and April 9 Jessey Storie, New York City; April 10 two sisters, Mrs. Arkie Hampton, April 11 Blowing Rock, Route 1: and Mrs. Precipitation: April 7-0.47 in.; Guass Teams, Banner Elk, Route

> Funeral arrangements are being delayed, pending the arrival of Jones L. Storie, Jr., from Pearl

NewPaintingsOfFirstGoodFriday



Jesus before Pilate

Week is recalled by Christians

Simon carries the Cross As the Lenten season draws to a ly in the pattern of the Holy journey of Jesus from close, the great drama of Holy Week scenes,

Christians of all faiths will be everywhere. The day of the cru-cifixion—Good Friday—is espec-of the new religious masterpieces the series by Stahl was completthe dark day stand out sharp- Ben Stahl, and depicting the Catholic Press.

house to Calvary's hill. Acclaimed to be as fine as the

Responsive reading led by the

Jones L. Storie

home on Oak Street at about 6:30

Miss Geer One Of Leaders At Wake Forest

Wake Forest.-Eleanor Geer. daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Rex Geer of 110 Carolina Avenue, Boone, has been selected as one of the 10 outstanding seniors in this year's graduating class at Wake Forest College.

A biology major, Miss Geer is a member of Tassels, women's leadership organization, and Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges. She is treasurer of the Womans' Government Associati and a veteran of College Theater work. She also has worked on the staffs of the student radio station and annual,

Ebbing military morale spura the resignations of officers.