

A fabulous lead mine on Beaver Dam is said to have supplied metal for the bullets of the early settlers. Information about its location went with one family. Read letter on editorial page in this edition.

Date	High	Low	6 p. m.
March 28	31	20	28
March 29	33	20	30
March 30	32	23	42
March 31	56	27	48
April 1	67	28	60
April 2	67	40	46
April 3	62	40	46



"BUY A LILY, HELP A CHILD TO WALK" was the appeal these three young ladies and other teenagers made Saturday in their successful sale of Easter lilies for the benefit of crippled children. Left to right are Minnie Austin, Barbara Winkler and Pat Dowling. Under the direction of Mrs. Ralph Tugman and Hugh Hagaman, the girls sold more than \$130 in lilies on the streets of downtown Boone.

Easter Seal Sales Mount As Campaign Continues Locally

Contributions to Watauga County's Easter Seal campaign continued to mount as the drive entered its fourth and concluding week. Campaign Chairman Bob Isbell reported today.

More than \$500 has been received as campaign headquarters, making 1955 one of the best drives on record.

Easter Seals were mailed to 3,448 residents of Watauga County when the campaign opened. In addition, a special benefit show under the sponsorship of Stacy Eggers and the Boone Rotary Club, netted some \$80. Then last Saturday, Hugh Hagaman directed a sale of Easter lilies in downtown Boone. More than \$130 was received before the lilies sold out in early afternoon. Mrs. Ralph Tugman, in charge of the group of young ladies who sold the lilies, commended the group for an "excellent job." Doing the selling were Barbara Winkler, Patsy Maddux, Betty Brendle, Minnie Austin, and Shirley Carroll.

In addition to the money thus far received, more is expected from coin containers placed over the Boone area. A school solicitation program is under the direction of William Shipley, and additional funds is expected from this source. Also, contributions continue to come in through the mail in return for Easter Seals sent out weeks ago.

Residents who have not received Seals are urged to call at the special Easter Seal department established at the Horn in the West winter office, upstairs over the Building & Loan office. The campaign raises funds to provide services to crippled children. Of all contributions received by the society more than 90 per cent remains in Watauga County to provide local services. The remainder supports nationwide programs of education, direct services, and research including the Easter Seal Research Foundation, said Mr. Isbell.

Cancer Crusade Swings Into Action In Watauga

The American Cancer Society's 1955 crusade for \$750,000 here swings into action in Watauga county April 1st.

That amount is Watauga's share in a nation-wide goal of \$24,000,000.

"Both the national and local goal have been increased this year," Mrs. Howard Williams, ASC campaign chairman for Watauga county, explained yesterday, "because of the increased demands for funds for research, education, and service to the cancer patient. There can be no slackening in our research program—the greatest ever

put into action against a disease." Mrs. Williams was confident as the crusade here was poised for the start. "The people of Watauga county are eager to strike another telling blow at cancer."

The Boone Junior Woman's Club have received their assignments and are ready to begin April 11th. "If the number and the determination of the volunteers are an indication," Mrs. Williams said, "we have a singular success ahead of us. We are not only going over the top, but our education program—an integral part of Cancer Control Month—is going to save lives."

Hardin Renominated As Mayor Of Blowing Rock

Charles Greer Dies Saturday

Charles A. Greer, of Zionville, died at Watauga Hospital Saturday night, April 2, following an illness of three weeks. He was 76 years of age.

Funeral services were held at 2 p. m. Tuesday, April 5, at the Zionville Baptist Church, with the Rev. R. C. Eggers and the Rev. Barney Oliver in charge of the rites.

He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Alice Greer; a son, Myron, of Jefferson, Ohio; three daughters, Mrs. Perry Farthing of Mebane, Mrs. Don C. Bell of Thomasville, and Mrs. Ivan Farthing of Sugar Grove; two brothers, Monroe and Ben Greer of Oregon; two sisters, Mrs. Sallie Roten, Phoenix, Ariz., and Mrs. Margaret Swift, of Daylight, Tenn.; eleven grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

The incumbent mayor and two members of the present town council of Blowing Rock have been renominated for their posts. The action came Friday at a nominating convention to pick candidates for the May 3 municipal election.

Other candidates may file within one week period from April 1, it was said.

R. H. Hardin, completing his first term as Mayor of the resort town, was renominated without opposition. W. C. Lentz and C. W. Bolick, members of the town board, were selected to run for reelection. The third member of the council, Dr. Charles Davant, was said to be ineligible for election, due to his nomination and expected election as member of the Watauga County Board of Education. Named to run on the ticket with Lentz and Bolick are D. W. Wooten, B. H. Moody, J. D. Jones and R. E. Wilson. Three will be elected.

Sunrise Throng To Herald Easter

Mayor Winkler Is Improving

Mayor Gordon H. Winkler, who has been a patient at Watauga Hospital for more than a week, due to a spinal fracture, is improved.

While he is expected to be bedfast for a while, it is believed that Mayor Winkler will have recovered sufficiently to be able to return home by the end of this week.

Farmers Eligible For Freeze Funds

Farmers in Watauga county who are eligible, may receive loans growing out of their losses in the late freezes, the Democrat has been advised by Representative Hugh Alexander.

Representative Alexander's telegram says: "I am pleased to advise that the Department of Agriculture has authorized loans to areas in Watauga county suffering from freeze damages. The new authority permits the same kind of loans as formerly available in drought and hurricane disaster areas. Applications may be made through FHA county offices."

Robert Coleman Taken By Death

Robert Lawrence Coleman, 64, brother of Lloyd Coleman of Boone, died in Winding Gulf, W. Va. March 27, after a long illness.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, March 30 at Fairly Hill Baptist Church by Rev. Mr. Stru-gell and Rev. Mr. Salem conducting the rites. Burial was in Hot Springs Cemetery, Sophia, W. Va. Mr. Coleman, who was a native of Watauga county, is survived by the widow, Mrs. Francis Coleman, and two daughters: Mrs. Mary Darnell, Mrs. Ruth Pegrum, Winding Gulf, W. Va.; One brother, Lloyd Coleman, Boone; a sister, Mrs. W. M. Rhem, Cleveland, Ohio. There are four grandchildren.

Fifteen Enlist In U. S. Navy

Fifteen men from this area were enlisted in the Navy during March, it was announced by the local Navy recruiter today.

Five of these men came from Watauga and Ashe counties, and are now taking boot training at Great Lakes Naval Training Center, Illinois.

There are still openings, the recruiter said, for men interested in a fine career and travel. Those interested should see Recruiter Steelman at the postoffice in the postoffice in Boone on Wednesday or Thursday.

Plans Discussed For Improvements At Prison Camp

Plans were discussed for the construction of new guards' quarters at the Watauga County prison camp near Boone at a conference held here Monday by John Walker of North Wilkesboro, supervisor of the 11th highway division, W. Ralph Winkler of Boone, state highway commissioner, and C. A. (Buck) Hayworth of Lenoir and Boone, division superintendent of engineers.

Prospects appear good for securing the necessary appropriations to get the work underway by early summer, Mr. Winkler said.

The conference also included a general discussion of the eight prison camps in the division.

Correction

In an advertisement of Miller Brothers, page 2, second section, this issue, the price of Wear-Test house paint is incorrectly shown. It should read, "Wear-Test House Paint — Gallon, \$3.85."

Richard J. Daley, Democrat, was elected mayor of Chicago Tuesday.



Russell and Ronald Swift with their 4-H chicks and homemade brooder.

Lad Finds Pleasure, Profit In Chickens And Eggs

By JOE MINOR (Democrat Staff)

So you want to retire and raise chickens? How many times have you heard someone say he was going to do this? Even President Truman threatened to go home and "raise yellow-legged chickens" at the end of his tenure in the White House.

Raising chickens and selling eggs can be an interesting hobby and a

profitable occupation, too, as one Watauga D-H Club lad has proved. Russell Swift, 14 years old, from the Beaver Dam section, has raised 100 chicks for the last two springs and has kept strict records to show he made money on the project. He has no idea of retiring, however, as he just started feeding his third hundred chickens, for this fall's eggs, last week.

Here's how he works it:



EASTER... The season of joy, of hope and of life.

Jurors Drawn For Spring Court; 150 Criminal Actions Docketed

Farm Progress Topic Of C. of C.

A discussion of agricultural progress in Watauga County will be featured at the April meeting of the Boone Chamber of Commerce, to be held at noon Tuesday, April 12, in the banquet room of the Boone Trail Restaurant.

Talks on various phases of this work will be heard by the following county farm leaders: L. E. Tuckwiler, county agent; W. C. Richardson, assistant county agent; Miss Mary Helen Neill, home demonstration agent; Howard Williams, soil conservationist; M. L. Shepard, Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation (ASC); and J. B. Robinson, Federal Farm and Home agent.



Laying flock of White Rocks on Swift farm

In March of 1953, Russell, a member of the Bethel S. 4-H, took as a project, chickens. He received from the poultry chain of Watauga County 4-H clubs 100 day-old chicks. He cared for these birds until they were about six months old, when he had to carry 12 pullets to Boone to be entered in the annual poultry show and sale. The sale of these pullets was to provide money for the following

year's poultry chain, which furnishes 10 boys or girls 100 chickens apiece each year for projects. Russell's 12 show pullets pleased him so much he bid on them until they were "knocked off" on him at \$1.96 each. He carried them back home and the first of September he had 90 pullets to work for him. A "poultry calendar" is kept by Russell which shows how many (Continued on page two.)

Jurors who will serve for the spring term of Watauga Superior Court, were selected by the Board of County Commissioners Monday.

Judge J. C. Rudisill of Newton will preside over the criminal term which will convene Monday April 25. While the term is scheduled for two weeks, the docket will likely be disposed of within about four days, Austin E. South, Clerk, says.

Of the 150 cases docketed, 30 are for speeding, 25 for driving motor vehicles while intoxicated, 10 for reckless driving, 8 for driving without license, 8 for breaking and entering and larceny, 7 for violation of the prohibition laws, 7 non-support. The others are for miscellaneous misdemeanors.

Following is a list of those who will do jury service during the term:

Watauga Township: Henry Taylor, O. J. Coffey, David A. McLean.

Mabel: Charlie Wilkinson, Mrs. Lee Wilson.

Boone: J. C. McConnell, J. H. Thomas, J. Allen Gragg.

Brushy Fork: M. J. Williams, Don Henson, Dewey Hodges.

Blowing Rock: Charles Icenhour, Mrs. Fred C. Brown, Cecil Critcher.

Cove Creek: Charles Clay, Thomas Lawrence, Charlie Proffitt.

Elk: Judson Hodges, Chas. Simmons.

Shawneehaw: Keith Smith.

Beaver Dam: Dean Wilson, Wilby Greene, Woodrow Eggers.

North Fork: Sam S. South.

New River: Emory Miller, Clint Norris, Troy Greene, Walter Winkler.

Stony Fork: Elster H. Greene, Scott Moretz, Fred Norris.

Meat Camp: Worth Winebarger, Wm. Winebarger, Walter H. Davis, Forest Moretz, Stacy Tester.

Laurel Creek: James W. Shull, Mrs. Clara Simpson, Ben Farthing.

Blue Ridge: Marion Coffey.

Bald Mountain: Mrs. Russell Vannoy, Thomas Trivette.

Choirs, Band To Join In Praise At Annual Service

Holy Week observances in Boone will be climaxed by the annual Easter sunrise service to be held in the Daniel Boone Theatre Sunday morning, starting at 8:15.

The Boone Ministerial Association sponsors the union religious observance, and Rev. J. K. Parker, Jr., is general chairman.

Rev. George W. Shuford is to be the presiding minister.

The High School Band will take part in the program and Mrs. Virginia Wary Linney will direct a community choir, made up from members of the various churches of the town.

The Program
Prelude, Appalachian High School Band.

"Low in the Grave He Lay," Choir.

"Christ the Lord is Risen!" Rev. J. K. Parker, Jr.

Congregation declares, "Christ the Lord is Risen Indeed!"

"Up From the Grave He Arose," Choir.

"Christ the Lord is Risen Today!" Choir and Congregation.

Interlude of Band Music, led by Director J. Perry Watson.

Scripture Reading, Rev. Rex West, Rev. L. H. Hollingsworth.

Responsive Reading, led by Rev. Edwin F. Troutman.

Prayer, led by Rev. C. O. Vance.

Easter Meditation, Rev. George Arthur.

Congregation Joins in Singing, "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name."

Benediction, Rev. E. H. Lowman.

Union Services Set For Friday

A Union Good Friday Service will be held at Grace Lutheran Church from one to two o'clock, and will be participated in by all the local churches.

All business houses are expected to be closed during the hour and everyone is requested to take part in the service.

Mrs. Nannie Cook Funeral Monday

Mrs. Nannie Hayes Cook, 62, of Boone, Route 1, died Saturday, April 2, at Watauga Hospital.

Funeral services were held Monday, April 4, at the Rutherford Baptist Church, conducted by the Rev. Glenn Huffman and the Rev. Will Cook. Burial was in the Cook cemetery.

She is survived by a son, Edsel Cook, Boone, Route 1; four daughters, Mrs. Mabel Lanning, Mrs. Beulah Bodenheimer, Mrs. George Brookshire, and Mrs. Nell Barnes, all of Boone; eight brothers, Roby Hayes, Sugar Grove, Iris and Tom Hayes, both of Vilas, Don Hayes, Deep Gap, Joe Hayes, Blowing Rock, Bill Hayes, Boone, Lawrence Hayes, Todd, and Howell Hayes, Cleveland, O.; three sisters, Mrs. Texie Cook and Mrs. Doris Van Dyke, both of Boone, Mrs. Julia Hicks, Anderson, S. C.; and seven grandchildren.

Eleven Ewes Have 24 Lambs

Watauga holds the State banner in the matter of sheep production, and the ewes on the farm of Robert L. Norris, of Route 1, intend to keep it that way, it would appear.

Mr. Norris has 24 lambs from 11 ewes, which ought to be something of a record. Nine ewes had twins, while two have triplets. All the lambs lived and are thriving, Mr. Norris says.

Health Department Planning Salk Polio Vaccine Clinics

The local Health Department, with the rest of the world, is anxiously waiting the news on April 12th, as to whether or not the Salk polio vaccine has been proven effective.

The department is planning clinics to start April 18th. Supplies needed for conducting these clinics have been obtained for the

Department with funds raised by the Chairman of our local Polio Foundation Chapter, Mr. R. D. Hodges, Jr., for this special purpose. Various community clubs participated.

Pamphlets with information concerning the development and use of the vaccine are available at the Health Department.