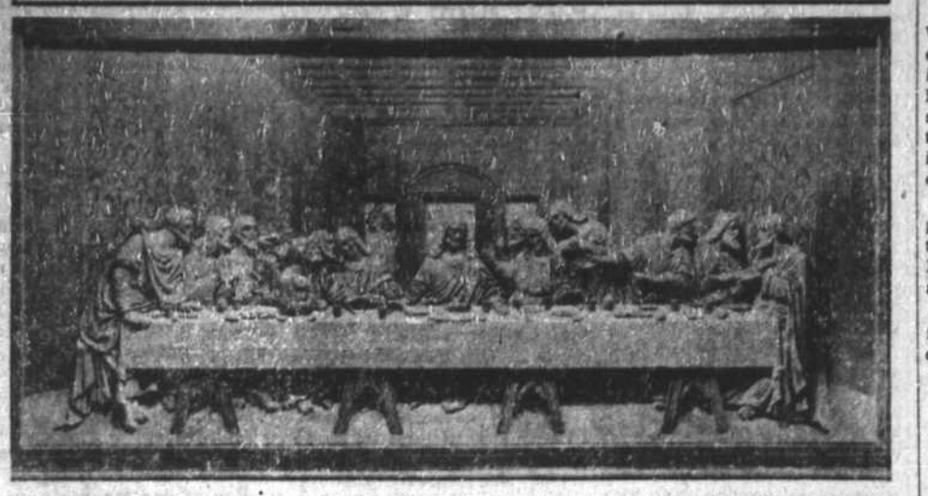
Local People Visit Upper Room Chapel



Mesdames Bess Crawford, B. Winkler and I ene Winkler of Boone were among the nearly five thousand people who signed the guest register at The Upper Room Chapel in Nashville, Tenn., recently. The chapel, opened less than five years ago, draws visitors from every state and many other countries. The focal point of the chapel is the almost life-size wood carving of the Last Supper done by Ernest Pelligini after the famous painting by Leonardo da Vinci. This carving captures the moment when Jesus tells this disciples, "One of you shall betray me." Set in a huge frame the linewood and walnut carving is more than eighteen feet long. The artistry and skill of the sculptor are apparent to even the casual viewer. Many visitors see it with a deep spiritual sensitivity that makes the visit a religious experience.

Says County Market Not Yet Forgotten

(From Home Agent's Affice)

What about that county market everyone was talking about last summer? Well, it hasn't been forgotten, that's for sure. The marketing survey taken by several extension marketing specialists and local extension agents has given the county market committee some very helpful information. This information should help in planning a local outlet for garden produce and handicrafts, etc.

The survey covered marketing problems of all the products grown in the county, as well as the special problems of a roadside market. Several extension specialists from North Carolina State College in Raleigh were present to make the public report of this survey, October 10, in the county courthouse.

If a county market is to help raise incomes of county residents, most of the profits must come from outside the county. This is the main fact brought out in the report by George Abshier, extension consumer marketing specialist. Dr. Abshier's part of the report also emphasizes that the income from the sale of garden produce would be relatively small, and that a market independently financed has the best chance of success.

In order to attract dollars from out-of-county residents, tourists and summer residents, a county market would need to specialize in the things tourists like to buy: country hams, hand weaving, jams, jellies, pickles, custom made furniture, sourwood honey, home made molasses, baskets, etc.

Although a county market would probably sell garden produce as well as well as specialty items, investigation reveals that the margin of profit on fresh fruits and vegetables would be much less than that on home preserves and gift items.

The reason for this is that when farmers have extra garden produce to sell, there is plenty in all the gardens in the county. Much of the garden surplus is shared among friends and neighbors. Growing fruits and vegetables is a much more profitable business when there is enough produced to sell outside the county. There is some need for a produce market, but, the report reveals, such a market would stand a greater chance of success if it specializes in home preserved foods and craft articles.

"A privately owned and operated market has the greatest chance for success, but an association of potential sellers might operate such a market satisfactorily," the report states. It also says that such a market would need to be well designed, attractive, well located and expertly supervised.

The report of the marketing survey indicates that a county outlet for local products would be a very successful enterprise if it were managed properly.

ACTIVE TB

The Public Health Service and the National Tuberculosis Association have released a statement that there is an estimited total of 250,000 active tuberculosis cases in this country, despite a drop of nearly 30 per cent in the last five years. Almost forty per cent of the total are "unknown" to medical and health authorities.

Christmas clubbers — 13,070,000 of them—have saved a record total of $1,225,000,000 in some 7,000 commercial banks and savings institutions this year. This is up an estimated total of $37,000,000 or 3 percent, from the savings in 1956.

Scout Supper Next Monday

The annual Scout meeting for Watauga county will be held Monday, November 18, at 6:30 p. m., in Fellowship Hall of the Boone Methodist Church. W. C. Richardson, district chairman, in making the announcement, said the meeting will be in the form of a covered dish supper.

All Scouts, including Cubs, all parents, and all leaders are urged to attend and bring a covered dish. Drinks, paper plates, forks, knives, and cups will be furnished.

The Rev. John McDuffie's troop from Blowing Rock will have charge of the opening exercise, and R. D. Hodges troop from Perkinsville will have charge of the closing exercise.

Chairman Richardson, in urging attendance to the supper, said, "This is one time of the year when all people in Watauga county who are working with Scouting can come together and enjoy a meal and fellowship with the Scouts and their parents from all of Watauga county."

There will be a short movie after supper, a short report on Scouting, and a report of the nomination committee will be given.

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